



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MICHAEL MCCARTY FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, Glenview Park District Executive Director Michael McCarty has been announced as the winner of the National Distinguished Professional Award by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA); and

**WHEREAS**, NRPA presents the National Distinguished Professional Award to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field through their leadership, research, advocacy, community outreach, and program development; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McCarty has over 30 years of experience in park and recreation, and became Executive Director of the Glenview Park District in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glenview Park District is one of the largest park districts in Illinois, covering more than 861 acres and includes 26 parks, 13 fieldhouses, and 12.6 miles of walking trails; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glenview Park District Park Center has provided a space where the community can learn about the future, discover the past, take up a new sport, or enjoy the outdoors for 23 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, under Michael McCarty's leadership, the Glenview Park District was rightly recognized by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) as well as the Best of the Best Intergovernmental Coop; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McCarty began his journey in Recreation Management at Springfield College where he obtained his bachelor's degree; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his time with the Glenview Park District, Michael McCarty served as the Assistant Director of Recreation for the Town of South Windsor, Connecticut; Executive Director of Parks and Recreation in the Town of Longmeadow, Massachusetts; and Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Fairfax, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in each of his roles, Michael McCarty has been lauded for his professionalism and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McCarty is an energized leader, successfully navigating open space purchases, tax referendums, facility developments, and large-scale renovations; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McCarty is known for having the best interest of the community at heart, and advocating for the needs of the park district at every turn; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McCarty's outstanding efforts and impressive career will be recognized at the NRPA's Best of the Best Ceremony at the 2024 NRPA Annual Conference in October in Atlanta, Georgia; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby celebrate and

honor Michael McCarty for receiving the National Distinguished Professional Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Michael McCarty as a means of communicating our thanks and gratitude for his years of service.