



Proclamation Recognizing the 110th Anniversary of Foss Park District

WHEREAS, Foss Park District, North Chicago, Illinois, was established in 1907 to provide recreation services and facilities to the community residing in the area formerly known as "South Waukegan"; and

WHEREAS, Foss Park District is the oldest park district in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Foss Park District was named after Illinois Congressional Representative and Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs George Edmund Foss, known as the "Father of the Great Lakes," who conceived the idea of a naval training station in North Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, since 1929, Foss Park District has maintained its membership with the Illinois Association of Park Districts, one of the oldest and most successful statewide associations in the nation which has advocated to provide outstanding park and recreation opportunities, preserve natural resources and improve quality of life for the people of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Foss Park District currently serves more than 50,000 residents in North Chicago, Waukegan, and Lake Bluff, and offers youth, adult, and senior programming to its culturally diverse population; and

WHEREAS, many athletes were trained by Foss Park District's Flames youth sports programs and have gone on to play in professional sports leagues as well as the United States Olympics; and

WHEREAS, some of these same youths have received the highest honors in sports, playing in the NBA Finals, NFL Super Bowl, and/or earning Olympic medals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, on behalf of the Lake County Board, that County Board Members Vance D. Wyatt, Mary Ross Cunningham, and Sandy Hart, hereby recognize Foss Park District for its 110 years of service to the communities of North Chicago, Waukegan, and Lake Bluff.

DATED in Waukegan, Illinois, on October 31, 2017.



Vance D. Wyatt, District 14
Lake County Board Member

Mary Ross Cunningham, District 9
Lake County Board Member

Sandy Hart, District 13
Lake County Board Member