

OCR 15-27
PATRICIA OSBURN
20 YEAR SERVICE RECOGNITION
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 25, 2015

WHEREAS, Patricia Osburn has served the Otsego Conservation District since May 1995; and

WHEREAS, she began "Otsego County Alternative Landscape Demonstration Garden and Conservation Forest" 18 years ago to provide the public a beautiful place to learn about the importance of native plants, wildlife habitat and the appreciation of nature; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego Conservation District was awarded a grant five years ago to build a greenhouse that houses the only Native Plant Nursery in Northern Michigan to provide these important plants to the public as well as other conservation organizations. Many thousands of plants have been sold and planted throughout the region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Patricia was honored with the American Association of University Women Gaylord Chapter 's "Woman Making History" award, in that same year she established the annual "Art in the Garden Festival, then she secured and coordinated funds and labor for the construction of the outdoor stage and amphitheater located in the Demonstration Garden which opened in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Patricia has been instrumental in securing and managing the Otsego County Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, in April 2014 Patricia was named the "AmeriCorps Supervisor of the Month" by Huron Pines; and

WHEREAS, Patricia has educated countless youth and adults through annual tree and plant sales as well as classes, workshops and presentations throughout Otsego County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity and commitment of its community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the 20 years of commitment that Patricia Osburn has made to the Otsego Conservation District and our community by inspiring others with her energy and dedication to make Otsego County the beautiful place it is.