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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To designate 2018 as "Ohio's Year of the Trails."

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Ohio has more than 3,500 miles of trail networks,
the most of any state in the United States, and connecting trail
segments is a powerful tool for economic and community
development that should be actively facilitated; and

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WHEREAS, Outdoor trails are used for a variety of
activities, including walking, hiking, biking, rolling,
paddling, and horseback riding, and the many miles of trails
that exist throughout Ohio have allowed countless individuals to
reflect on the splendor of our natural world. Without a doubt,
these pathways are not only a source of pride for the
communities they serve, providing significant economic and
environmental benefits, but are also an important feature in
helping to improve the quality of life in our society by
promoting healthy lifestyles via recreation and active
transportation; and

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WHEREAS, Trails bring people together, as they not only
connect physical locations but also represent the bonds that

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create communities. By highlighting the numerous trails in our 19
state, we also praise the innumerable people who have helped 20
make them a reality, and their efforts celebrate the beauty of 21
the world around us by providing accessible and functional 22
transportation to all people, regardless of age, background, or 23
ability; and 24

WHEREAS, At a time when many communities seem more 25
concerned with urbanization than with conservation, it is 26
fitting that we salute the individuals who have served as the 27
caretakers of our public resources. Through their hard work and 28
enthusiasm, the citizens of Ohio have demonstrated an 29
unparalleled spirit of cooperation, and we applaud and support 30
all those responsible for the success of these noteworthy trails 31
that serve to repurpose land in valuable ways; now therefore be 32
it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 34
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, 35
designate the year 2018 as "Ohio's Year of the Trails" and 36
encourage all Ohioans to take advantage of their local and 37
regional trail networks, do their part to further enhance Ohio's 38
trail networks, and pay tribute to everyone who has labored to 39
maintain and enlarge these public amenities; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 41
authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of 42
Ohio. 43