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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