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**S. C. R. No. 17**

**Senator Hicks-Hudson**

**Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Wilson, Weinstein**

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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To support the creation of a U.S. Great Lakes Waterfront Trail. 1  
Trail. 2

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

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes are the largest system of 3  
freshwater lakes in the world; and 4

WHEREAS, Canada's Great Lakes Waterfront Trail stretches 5  
more than 2,250 miles from Lake Superior to the St. Lawrence 6  
River at the Ontario-Quebec border. The trail is a greenway 7  
route of interconnecting roads and off-road trails joining more 8  
than 150 communities, including Indigenous nations; and 9

WHEREAS, There are currently three established or emerging 10  
pedestrian and bicycle international crossings between the 11  
United States and Canada; and 12

WHEREAS, The National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and 13  
Conservation Assistance Program is currently mapping a potential 14  
route for a recreational trail along all eight Great Lakes 15  
states; and 16

WHEREAS, Recreational trails connect people with nature, 17  
improve public health, and foster economic activity; and 18

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio and its communities have worked 19  
to establish a scenic byway, local trails, and bike routes 20  
across its 312 miles of Lake Erie shoreline; and 21

WHEREAS, Extensive planning has been done to envision 22  
shoreline experiences, especially in the greater Cleveland area 23  
and Sandusky; now therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General 25  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, support the work being done 26  
towards the creation of the U.S. Great Lakes Waterfront Trail; 27  
and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General 29  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge Ohio agencies, regional 30  
planning organizations, metropolitan planning organizations, and 31  
other interested entities to continue to coordinate with other 32  
states on a shared identity for this regional trail; and be it 33  
further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 35  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of 36  
Ohio. 37