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

WHEREAS, At a time when many communities seem more
concerned with urbanization than with conservation, it is
fitting that we salute the individuals who have served as the
caretakers of our public resources. Through their hard work and
enthusiasm, the citizens of Ohio have demonstrated an
unparalleled spirit of cooperation, and we applaud and support
all those responsible for the success of these noteworthy trails
that serve to repurpose land in valuable ways; now therefore be
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RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution,
designate the year 2018 as "Ohio's Year of the Trails" and
encourage all Ohioans to take advantage of their local and
regional trail networks, do their part to further enhance Ohio's
trail networks, and pay tribute to everyone who has labored to
maintain and enlarge these public amenities; and be it further

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