

## 2025 GREAT TRAILS STATE DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, [NAME OF COMMUNITY]'s natural beauty is critical to its residents' quality of life, health, and economic wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the trails that span across our community are an integral part of the recreational and transportation possibilities of our area and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our residents and our visitors; and

WHEREAS, the parks, greenways, trails and natural areas in our community are welcoming to all and provide a common ground for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to access our rich and diverse natural, cultural, and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, [NAME OF COMMUNITY]'s nature trails vary from [DESCRIBE LOCAL TRAILS]; and

WHEREAS, trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all as expressions of local community character and pride, as outdoor workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, as free resources for healthy recreation, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly designated the third Saturday in October as Great Trails State Day in North Carolina to promote and celebrate the state's extensive network of trails that showcase our state's beauty, vibrancy and culture; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is known as the "Great Trails State;"

WHEREAS, [SPEAK HERE ABOUT ANY SPECIAL LOCAL PROGRAMS YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 19 OR THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THAT DATE]; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [NAME], [TITLE], do hereby proclaim October 18, 2025 as "GREAT TRAILS STATE DAY" in [NAME OF COMMUNITY], and commend its observance to all people.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to explore trails in [NAME OF COMMUNITY] on this day and join other communities across North Carolina in celebrating trails on October 18.

DATED THIS day of
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