

Senator Brown offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 144.

A resolution commemorating June 7, 2006, as Michigan Trailways Day and June 2006 as Michigan Trailways Month.

Whereas, The Michigan Trailway system is a statewide system of land corridors passing through Michigan's communities and countryside, featuring broad, smooth-surfaced trails perfect for many activities and accessible to everyone; and

Whereas, Trailways follow inactive railroad lines, shorelines, and other corridors. Linking together whenever possible, the statewide network of trailways will connect our communities, parks, public lands, and natural resources; and

Whereas, This network has potential to encompass hundreds of miles of trailways, creating a web of activity that stretches from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan, from the south state line to the Mackinac Straits and across the Upper Peninsula; and

Whereas, Trailways are more than just pathways from place to place. They open the way to many modes of travel of which they take you through the entire range of Michigan environments, including forests, wetlands, river and lake shorelines, farmlands, shopping areas, residential areas, and industrial areas; and

Whereas, They offer an unlimited potential for year-round recreation. Often surrounded by attractive natural areas, trailways are great places for the people of our communities to bicycle, walk, run, hike, ski, ride horses, and snowmobile; and

Whereas, The thousands of hours donated by volunteers is an important element in the success of Michigan's trailways. These important individuals have given freely of their time to better our communities and ensure the preservation of Michigan's natural landscape for future generations; and

Whereas, As the trailway system expands and becomes well-known, Michigan's image as a leader in great outdoor recreation will grow along with it. Visitors drawn to our state by the system will benefit the entire state's tourism economy. It is appropriate to commemorate and designate June 7, 2006, as Michigan Trailways Day and June 2006 as Michigan Trailways Month; and

Whereas, It is clear that many generations will come to enjoy the trailways and make it part of their lives and the memories of their best times with family and friends; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we commemorate June 7, 2006, as Michigan Trailways Day and June 2006 as Michigan Trailways Month. We encourage all citizens to support the efforts of these trailway resources in their communities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance as evidence of our esteem.