

Rep. Cochran offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 358.**

A resolution to declare June 2, 2018, as National Trails Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, In 2018, our nation will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of both the National Trails System Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. As the Acts stand today, National Scenic Trails are described as extended trails of more than 100 miles in length that provide for outdoor recreation and for the conservation and enjoyment of the nationally significant scenic, historic, natural, or cultural qualities of the areas through which such trails may pass; and

Whereas, With the passage of the National Trails System Act in 1968, our nation was given a gift. This legislation created and has protected some of Americans' favorite places to discover the great outdoors. Some trails celebrate outdoor adventure such as the Appalachian Trail and other trails allow us to walk through history, such as the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail; and

Whereas, Thanks to this historic legislation, Michigan is home to nearly 1,200 miles of the 4,600 mile long North Country National Scenic Trail. Our state is also fortunate to have 27 designated National Recreation Trails totaling 592 miles of trail; and

Whereas, Green infrastructure like trails and parks are true economic engines and provide for the economic vitality of our state. Well-managed and funded parks and trails make strong economic sense and are job-creating enterprises for the economic vitality of communities and their surrounding regions. Trails are an integral part of the outdoor recreation experience in America and stimulate business creation, influence corporate location decisions, increase property values, reduce medical costs by encouraging exercise, and generate tax dollars. Trails also provide low or no-cost recreation opportunities and transportation options to the public; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 2, 2018, as National Trails Day in state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, the North Country Trail Association, the Partnership for the National Trails System, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Interior, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, and members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation, as evidence of our esteem for being a voice for non-motorized trail users, helping people build, connect and promote trails for a healthier and more prosperous Michigan.