

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 295

Reps. Glanville, Bezotte, Breen, Brixie, Haadsma, Hood, MacDonell, Paiz, Rheingans and Wilson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 21-28, 2024, as Trails Week
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is blessed with an abundance of natural
4 resources and picturesque landscapes; and

5 Whereas, If you enjoy the awesome wonder of our Great Lakes
6 shoreline, the beauty of meandering rivers, the majesty of forests
7 teeming with wildlife, or pleasant views of farmland or orchards,
8 there are trails beckoning. If you enjoy quaint small towns or
9 vibrant cities, there are trails awaiting. If you enjoy discovering
10 something new or rediscovering a favorite spot, there are trails in

1 every corner of our beautiful state calling out to you; and

2 Whereas, Michigan is known as "The Trails State" due to the
3 more than 13,400 miles of diverse and designated state-managed
4 trails; and

5 Whereas, The state's trail system is the result of a
6 successful partnership between state agencies, local trails groups,
7 local units of government, non-profit organizations, businesses,
8 and citizens coming together to connect communities and people; and

9 Whereas, Our state's trail system plays a significant role in
10 strengthening Michigan's economy, supporting thousands of jobs and
11 increasing the quality of life for all Michiganders; and

12 Whereas, The trail system is designed to accommodate both
13 motorized and nonmotorized users through a carefully designed
14 master plan that reflects emerging trail needs in the state while
15 encouraging a sustainable system for future generations; and

16 Whereas, Increasingly popular and healthy lifestyle activities
17 include trail and water-related activities such as hiking, biking,
18 walking, running, horseback riding, off-road vehicle use,
19 snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and paddling; and

20 Whereas, Trails serve as alternative transportation corridors
21 that help decrease road congestion and provide safe, healthy, and
22 enjoyable routes; and

23 Whereas, Our trails of every shape and kind welcome us. They
24 offer us, one and all, young and old, an opportunity to get outside
25 and participate in our favorite activities. Michigan's trails just
26 might be the very best way to experience Pure Michigan; now,
27 therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
29 this legislative body declare September 21-28, 2024, as Trails Week

1 in the state of Michigan.