



**PIEDMONT TRIAD
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR 2023 YEAR OF THE TRAIL

WHEREAS, THE General Assembly has proclaimed 2023 as the Year of the Trail;

WHEREAS, the Covid pandemic demonstrated the value of trails as safe places for people to get outdoors for their physical and mental health and sense of wellbeing;

WHEREAS, trails, greenways, and blueways provide key amenities to neighborhoods and are often the centerpiece of a community bringing people together to exercise, play and connect with nature;

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;

WHEREAS, trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all, while creating 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;

WHEREAS, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of Piedmont Triad communities through increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, as well as the ability to attract and retain businesses such as restaurants, outfitters, lodging and entertainment;

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Triad Regional Council, representing 12 counties and 75 member governments in the Piedmont Triad believes that the benefits of trails are important to all who live, work, visit and do business in the region; and

WHEREAS, increased investment in and maintenance of existing and future trails will provide dividends to health and well being of existing and future generations in our region's communities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Piedmont Triad Regional Council supports trails and is committed to supporting trail efforts during 2023 to celebrate the Year of the Trail.

Alvin Foster, Chairman
Piedmont Triad Regional Council
Board of Delegates

December 21, 2022

Matthew Dolge, Executive Director
Piedmont Triad Regional Council

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