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RESOLUTION

In Support of the Proposals of the Special Committee on Enhancing Recreation Trails for Non-Motorized Use

Whereas the Governor's State Trails Council passed a resolution on April 11, 2007 appealing to the Joint Legislative Council to discuss and advance proposals that would result in legislation designed to create a steady and reliable stream of funding for state non-motorized trails; and

Whereas the Special Committee on Enhancing Recreational Trails for Non-Motorized Use has been created and has adopted proposals that are specifically designed to achieve the ends of the afore mentioned resolution; and

Whereas enacting these proposals would provide numerous benefits to the citizens of Wisconsin, among which are additional opportunities for safe and healthful recreation, opportunities for non-motorized transportation to work, school, shopping and entertainment; and

Whereas non-motorized transportation and recreation has been linked to savings in healthcare costs through a reduction in obesity, diabetes and other problems related to a sedentary lifestyle; and

Whereas enacting this funding proposal for non-motorized trail maintenance will save taxpayer money by delaying the need for future road and bridge projects, thereby reducing air and water pollution by using less foreign oil; and

Whereas the creation of a non-motorized trails council will provide non-motorized trail users a voice in state government similar to existing councils for motorized recreationists; and

Whereas non-motorized trails will result in economic benefits to towns and villages along the trailways through increased tourism and property values; and

Whereas the Household Transportation Survey indicates that over 7% of all trips from home are made by walking or bicycling:

It is therefore RESOLVED that the Governor's State Trails Council appeals to the Wisconsin Legislature to support the proposals of the Special Committee on Enhancing Recreation Trails for Non-Motorized Use.

***Passed this twelfth day of January 2009 by the
Governor's Wisconsin State Trails Council.***

Moved by Mike McFadzen, seconded by Robbie Webber. Tom Huber abstained.



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