

Rep. Pettalia offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 225.

A resolution to declare September 21-28, 2013, as Trails Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Michigan's wealth of trails provides an abundance of opportunities for citizens and visitors to enjoy this state's spectacular natural resources; and

Whereas, Michigan is a leader in the nation in the number of designated miles of trails; and

Whereas, The state's trail system provides several billion dollars to the state's economy, supporting thousands of jobs, primarily through small business owners; and

Whereas, The state's trail system provides a low cost means to improve an individual's health and reduces obesity thereby reducing health care costs; and

Whereas, Trail related activities, including hiking, walking, snowmobiling, running, biking, horseback riding, paddling, and using off-road vehicles are the most popular means of enjoying the out-of-doors and these uses are expanding each year; and

Whereas, Trails help support communities' quality of life by helping to attract knowledgeable workers and increase property values; and

Whereas, Trails provide alternative transportation routes decreasing road congestion and reducing pollution; and

Whereas, Michigan's wealth of trails also provides opportunities to experience solitude, have fun, or spend time with family and friends; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 21-28, 2013, as Trails Week in the state of Michigan.