

Rep. Hughes offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 159.

A resolution to declare September 23-30, 2017, as Trails Week in the state of Michigan.

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

Whereas, Michigan is known as The Trails State because of the more than 12,500 miles of designated trails; and

Whereas, The Iron Belle Trail, stretching from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the western Upper Peninsula, is the longest state-designated trail in the nation; and

Whereas, Our state's trail system plays a significant role in strengthening Michigan's economy and supporting thousands of jobs, primarily through small-business owners; and

Whereas, The state's trail system provides residents with broad access to a low-cost, accessible and enjoyable way to improve health and reduce obesity, thereby decreasing health care costs; and

Whereas, Trail-related activities, including hiking, walking, snowmobiling, running, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, paddling and using off-road vehicles, are among the most popular and growing means of enjoying the outdoors; and

Whereas, The existence of quality trails helps to strengthen the appeal of communities by boosting quality-of-life amenities that attract businesses and increase property values; and

Whereas, Trails provide alternative scenic transportation routes that help to decrease road congestion and pollution and also serve to connect communities to each other; and

Whereas, Michigan's rich network of trails throughout the Upper and Lower Peninsulas provide residents and visitors with scenic spaces in which to explore nature, appreciate wildlife, experience solitude or enjoy time with family and friends; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 23-30, 2017, as Trails Week in the state of Michigan.