

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Reps. Borton, Alexander, Fox, Paiz and Schuette offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare June 2025 as Great Outdoors Month in  
2 the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Michigan is blessed with an abundance of natural  
4 resources, including over 100 state parks and recreation areas,  
5 11,000 inland lakes, 36,000 miles of rivers and streams, 13,000  
6 miles of state-designated trails, and access to four of the five  
7 Great Lakes; and

8           Whereas, The great outdoors of Michigan provide countless  
9 opportunities for outdoor recreation such as hiking, biking,  
10 fishing, boating, swimming, hunting, camping, wildlife observation,  
11 and more. These outdoor experiences not only enhance physical and  
12 mental well-being, but also help make Michigan one of the most  
13 rewarding and enjoyable places to live, work, and raise a family;

1 and

2           Whereas, Michigan's vast trail system plays a crucial role in  
3 connecting residents and visitors to the great outdoors, and among  
4 these, the North Central State Trail stands out as a treasured 62-  
5 mile route from Gaylord to Mackinaw City, offering scenic  
6 opportunities for hiking, biking, snowmobiling, and wildlife  
7 observation through some of the state's most beautiful natural  
8 landscapes; and

9           Whereas, The outdoor recreation industry is a major  
10 contributor to Michigan's economy, generating over \$13.9 billion in  
11 value-added economic activity and supporting over 118,000 jobs  
12 across the state, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic  
13 Analysis' 2023 report; and

14           Whereas, Michigan's natural lands and waters are vital to  
15 environmental health, conservation education, and the stewardship  
16 ethic passed from one generation to the next; and

17           Whereas, Great Outdoors Month, celebrated nationwide each  
18 June, encourages all Americans to explore the outdoors, participate  
19 in recreational activities, and appreciate the natural beauty and  
20 resources of their communities; and

21           Whereas, Public and private partners across Michigan play a  
22 key role in protecting access to these spaces and expanding outdoor  
23 opportunities for all; now, therefore, be it

24           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
25 this legislative body declare June 2025 as Great Outdoors Month in  
26 the state of Michigan; and be it further

27           Resolved, That we encourage all Michiganders to experience and  
28 enjoy our unparalleled outdoor spaces.