

RESOLUTION 2018-XX

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BONDING MONEY FOR PARKS AND TRAILS.

WHEREAS, parks and trails are an essential part of our {city or county} and

WHEREAS, parks and trails play a vital role in building healthy communities and in attracting much-needed younger workers and families and retaining retirees; and

WHEREAS, recreational opportunities draw in tourists from around the state, region and nation and recreational spending is a major contributor to state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, according to a George Mason University study, local and regional parks in Minnesota generated an estimated \$2.8 billion in direct, indirect and induced economic activity in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, parks and trails recreation grants under Minnesota Stat. 85.019 could help {your city/county} by {insert a sentence on how a grant could help your community}; and

WHEREAS, many important projects in greater Minnesota do not qualify for funding under the Legacy Amendment and must look instead to the 85.019 programs for funding;

WHEREAS, the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails worked diligently to persuade the Department of Natural Resources to included a request for bonding funding for these grant programs in its initial agency capital investment request which the Governor did not include in his final recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails worked diligently to persuade the Department of Natural Resources to make a request for a grant from the Legislative Citizens Commission for Minnesota Resources that was included in the LCCMR's recommendation to the legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the {City/County} of {name} supports an appropriation of \$2.5 million each in general obligation bonds in 2018 for the Outdoor Recreation and Local Trails Connections grant programs and urges adoption of this proposal by the House (HF 1270 – Rep. Posten) and Senate (SF 689 Sen. Ruud); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the {City/County} of {name} supports the adoption by the Legislature of the LCCMR's recommendation that \$ 2 million of the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust fund be dedicated to these programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: Sen. {Local Senator(s)}, Rep. Local Representative(s), Speaker of the House Rep. Kurt Daudt, Senate Majority Leader Sen. Paul Gazelka, House Capital Investment Chair Rep. Dean Urdahl, Senate Capital Investment Chair Sen. David Senjem, House Environment Finance Chair Daniel Fabian, Senate Environment Finance Chair Bill Ingebretsen, and Governor Mark Dayton.

Passed and adopted by the {City Council/County Board} of the {City/County} of {name} this X day of X 2018.

---

Name  
Title of authorized signator

ATTEST:

---

Name  
Title