

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, each year Indiana joins states across the nation in recognizing National Trails Day as a time to celebrate America's magnificent trails system and its countless supporters and volunteers; and
- WHEREAS, June 6, 2009, is the 17th anniversary of National Trails Day; and
- WHEREAS, the theme for National Trails Day 2009, *Take in the Outdoors*, invites all Americans to join a trail-related organization, outdoor retailer, state or local park and recreation department, or federal land managing entity to get outside to experience everything the great outdoors has to offer; and
- WHEREAS, *Hoosiers on the Move*, the Indiana State Trails, Greenways & Bikeways Plan has an ambitious goal of providing trail opportunities within 15 minutes or 7.5 miles of every Hoosier; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana's trails contribute to the goals of the INShape Indiana program by providing places for Hoosiers to recreate and exercise, thereby improving their physical, mental and spiritual well being; and
- WHEREAS, trails serve as a means of alternative transportation, thereby reducing our consumption of fossil fuels and improving the environment; and
- WHEREAS, trails and associated greenways inspire plant, wildlife, and historical site observation and provide opportunities for outdoor education; and
- WHEREAS, trails activities bring together family and friends, enhance quality of life, and boost tourism; and
- WHEREAS, trails and trail building projects stimulate economic development, providing jobs and using goods and services from various Indiana businesses; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana's trails are a rich mosaic of natural treasures with value and beauty giving Hoosiers many recreational opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, Hoosiers celebrate Indiana as one of the foremost trail states in the nation with trails being part of our daily lives for education, fun and fitness;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim June 6-12, 2009 as

Indiana Trails Week

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 5th
day of May in the year of our
Lord 2009 and of the Independence
of the United States 232.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

M E Daniels, Jr.