

## RESOLUTION 2016 – 3

### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TRI-STATE TRAILS REGIONAL TRAIL PLAN

**WHEREAS** the City of Mason is committed to maintaining and enhancing quality of life for citizens throughout the region and recognizes that the “Tri-State Trails Regional Trail Plan” will contribute to quality of life by weaving together communities and regional assets via a network of trails and greenways; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Tri-State Trails Regional Trail Plan” recommends linking trails and greenways together, gaining cooperation to encourage regional collaboration, and creation of a network that will provide transportation, exercise, leisure, safety, accessibility, recreation and community benefits aimed at enhancing the quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities, agencies, and trail advocates in the region have taken a lead in planning and/or building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of trails; and

**WHEREAS**, trails and their green buffer areas will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by preserving trees and vegetation and by promoting reduced congestion through non-motorized transportation, and will enhance the quality of our water through natural buffers and mitigation of storm water run-off; and

**WHEREAS**, trails and greenways are freely accessible community assets offering opportunities for transportation, recreation and exercise and provide safe places for people to experience a sense of community and create stronger social and family ties; and

**WHEREAS**, trails have significant impact on the health and economic viability of the region through the promotion of active lifestyles, increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, added jobs related to the construction of and along the trail, as well as enhanced ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Tri-State Trails Regional Trail Plan” provides the foundation for a long term strategy that will continue to grow and provide an invaluable resource for future generations; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. Support for the promotion and continued development of the “Tri-State Trails Regional Trail Plan” and working with neighboring communities to plan, design, build, and maintain a system of trails that will connect our communities, people and special regional points of interest for years to come.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council