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CEDAR FALLS TRAILS DAY

JUNE 6, 2020

WHEREAS, National Trails Day was established in 1993 by the American Hiking Society to commemorate the myriad ways Americans enjoy our public trails; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Valley boasts an exceptional network of more than a hundred miles of hard-surfaced and soft trails in our city, county and state parks and public lands, as well as a unique Paddler's Trail for boats, canoes and kayaks on the Cedar River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the Rails to Trails Conservancy in 2019 announced Cedar Falls as a connection point for the Great American Rail-Trail, an ambitious 3,700 mile paved bicycle-pedestrian trail from Washington, D.C. to Washington State; and

WHEREAS, passionate regional stakeholders, including the Cedar Trails Partnership, Cedar Valley Association for Soft Trails (CVAST), Hartman Reserve, George Wyth State Park, Impact Outdoors, the Cedar Falls Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Black Hawk County Conservation Board have worked diligently over decades to ensure quality trail experiences for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Cedar Falls celebrate our wonderful trail system and the groups who have labored to create, expand and improve it, as well as to envision Cedar Falls as a premier stop along the Great American Rail-Trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert M. Green, Mayor of the City of Cedar Falls, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2020 as **Cedar Falls Trails Day** and encourage residents to celebrate the day by walking, running, jogging, or paddling our trails for personal well-being enjoyment, and I further encourage the community to begin the long-term efforts to secure Cedar Falls' rightful place as a memorable waypoint for national travelers along the Great American Rail-Trail.

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Signed this 29th Day of May, 2020.

Mayor Robert M. Green