

# *Town of Huntersville*

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Town of Huntersville's natural beauty is critical to its residents' quality of life, health, and economic wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, the trails that span across our community are an integral part of the recreational and transportation possibilities of our area and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our residents and our visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the parks, greenways, trails and natural areas in our community are welcoming to all and provide a common ground for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to access our rich and diverse natural, cultural, and historic resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Huntersville's natural assets and resources are integral to disaster recovery and resiliency to climate change for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, nature trails within the Town of Huntersville vary from less than a mile in length to 8.5 miles within Mecklenburg County's Latta Nature Preserve; range from footpaths within parks and nature preserves, from canoe trails down the Catawba River; to greenways through local neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all as expressions of local community character and pride, as outdoor workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, as free resources for healthy recreation, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenway, Trail, & Bikeway Commission, Tarheel Trailblazers, Carolina Thread Trail, & trail volunteers impact our community by making trails and greenways accessible to the Town of Huntersville residents; and

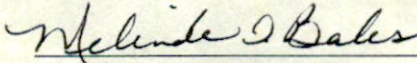
**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly designated 2023 as the Year of the Trail in North Carolina to promote and celebrate the state's extensive network of trails that showcase our state's beauty, vibrancy and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is known as the "Great Trails State;"

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Melinda Bales, Mayor of the Town of Huntersville, do hereby proclaim 2023 as "**THE YEAR OF THE TRAIL**" in Town of Huntersville, and commend its observance to all people.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town of Huntersville to be affixed, this the 17th day of January, 2023



  
Melinda Bales, Mayor