

The Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, County of Warren, Ohio, met at a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on February 19, 2025, at Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, with the following Trustees present:

Darryl Cordrey – Trustee, *Vice Chair*  
Mark Sousa - Trustee

Mr. CORDEY introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY OHIO  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-0219C**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE INCLUSION OF THE BUCKEYE TRAIL IN THE  
NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Buckeye Trail is a 1,454-mile network of trails forming a continuous loop through Ohio, spanning diverse landscapes including the farmland of Norwest Ohio, the Bluegrass region of southwest Ohio, the Black Hand sandstone cliffs of the Hocking Hills region, and the hills of Appalachia, while connection 47 countries and over 100 communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buckeye Trail was established between 1959 and 1980 by the Buckeye Trail Association, a nonprofit organization that continues to oversee and maintain the trail; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the Buckeye Trail overlaps with the Little Miami Scenic Trail, a paved bike path situated on the former Penn Central railroad right-of-way along the Little Miami River, which passes through Hamilton Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation for the Buckeye Trail as a National Scenic Trail would enhance its visibility, attract more visitors, and provide exceptional opportunities for hiking, camping, and outdoor recreation across national parks, state parks, rural areas, and forested landscapes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Township Trustees of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** The Board hereby expresses its support for the inclusion of the Buckeye Trail in the National Trails System as a National Scenic Trail. This designation will not only promote the trail's natural and recreation value but also strengthen Hamilton Township's identity as a hub for outdoor activities, benefiting both residents and visitors.

**SECTION 2.** The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board, which resulted in a formal action, were taken in meetings open to the

public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Mr. Sousa seconded the Resolution and the following being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Darryl Cordrey –	Aye <u>✓</u>	Nay _____
Mark Sousa –	Aye <u>✓</u>	Nay _____

Resolution adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Attest:

Leah Elliott  
Leah M. Elliott, *Fiscal Officer*

Approved as to form:

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Brodi J. Conover, *Law Director*

I, Leah M. Elliott Fiscal Officer of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, County of Warren, Ohio, at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 19, 2025.

Date: 2/19/25

Leah Elliott  
Leah M. Elliott, *Fiscal Officer*