TOWN OF CENTREVILLE PROCLAMATION – CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY

WHEREAS, the fourth Saturday of April, Celebrate Trails Day is an annual spring celebration of America's trails. Started by Rails to Trails Conservancy in 2013, the celebration encourages people across the country to get outside and enjoy trails in their communities and explore trail systems in their region.

WHEREAS, trails make accessing the outdoors by foot, bike, and wheelchair more accessible for everyone and are essential outdoor spaces that allow us to use active transportation instead of car trips, reducing traffic, vehicle miles traveled, emissions, and helping the environment; and bringing powerful economic opportunity to communities big, small and in between; and deliver health and happiness for so many people.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore has fewer off-road trails than other parts of the state for the 456,815 residents to enjoy daily and 7.5 million visitors who come for outdoor recreation and fun.

WHEREAS, Residents on the Eastern Shore ranked having places to walk and bike safely among their top priorities in land preservation, parks and recreation plans and expressed support for building more trails in their counties and towns.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore Trail Network is working with counties, municipalities, and the state to plan and develop safe facilities separated from vehicular traffic to encourage bicyclists, walkers, the physically challenged, and other non-motorized users of all ages to be more active and spend time outdoors, thereby improving their fitness and health; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore Trail Network, by increasing access for both residents and tourists to natural, cultural, and historical sites, will bring health and economic benefits to counties, municipalities, and businesses in the region such as revenues to local economies, healthcare savings, enhanced real estate values, increased visits and longer stays; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Centreville's Millstream Trail which runs from Rte. 213 to Watson Road is 1.2 miles and features two observation decks, asphalt paving throughout and handicapped access, two playgrounds with picnic options, four pavilions, five Critical Area Buffer Restoration gardens, two watercraft launches – one soft launch upstream and a hard launch at the Wharf Park – basketball court, and a fishing boardwalk with 14 boat slips with electric and water.

WHEREAS, the Town of Centreville is in the process of designing the Millstream II Wilderness Trail which will be 7,280 feet (1.38 miles) featuring a trail head at both ends, natural surface materials, two stream bridge crossings, with impressive topography; historical features and artifacts found along the trail include an original grist mill (1800s) location with dam site and sluice, and a hand dug tow path.

WHEREAS, the Town of Centreville is proposing to construct a Millstream II Constructed Wetland for water quality improvement of urban run-off with interpretive signage and a footpath connecting the Millstream Park Trail to the beginning of the Millstream II Wilderness Trail.

WHEREAS, the Town of Centreville is committed to work toward the shared vision of connecting people and communities through a safe and sustainable Eastern Shore Trail Network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Centreville proclaims that April 26, 2025 as CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY in the Town of Centreville and urge all residents to get outside and enjoy our trails.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town Council of Centreville has hereunto subscribed their name this third day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

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