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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 34

**Relating to the Creation of the
Governor's Year of the Trails Commission**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's trail system has more than 1,400 miles of trails which provide outdoor enjoyment and recreation to thousands of users; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's trails offer a variety of activities including all-terrain vehicle riding, bicycling, cross-country skiing, disabled access, dog sledding, hiking, horseback riding, kayaking, rollerblading, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and walking; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's trails provide health benefits to its users, help preserve the environment, boost local economies, generate community pride and improve the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is committed to informing and educating others on the benefits of the trail system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Year of the Trails Commission ("Commission"); and
2. Provide that the Commission shall consist of not more than twenty-one (21) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. The Governor shall designate one (1) member of the Commission to serve as Chair and one (1) member to serve as Vice-Chair.
4. Provide that the Commission shall prepare a plan for the Year of the Trails by:
 - (a) promoting of the economic, environmental and social benefits of trails including community-building opportunities; and
 - (b) promoting of the health benefits of the trails; and
 - (c) promoting of the use of trails as an alternative means of transportation; and
 - (d) encouraging more people to use trails; and

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- (e) increasing awareness of the importance of trails and the need to maintain them; and
 - (f) raising the visibility of the trails.
5. Require the Commission to prepare and submit periodic reports to the Governor with recommendations for the Year of the Trails; and
 6. Require the Commission to submit a final report to the Governor no later than January 2003; and
 7. Direct the Department of Natural Resources' Bureau of Parks and Recreation to provide the Commission with administrative and support services; and
 8. Direct the Department of Administration to provide the Commission with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with Section 20.505 (3) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

Provide that the Commission shall dissolve when its final report is accepted by the Governor.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fifteen day of November in the year two thousand one.

Scott McCallum
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State