

A RESOLUTION recognizing and proclaiming Boone Trace as a road of historical significance worthy of being further identified, preserved, protected, marked, and made accessible to the public.

WHEREAS, Daniel Boone and his party of trailblazers departed from Long Island on the Holston River, near what is today known as Kingsport, Tennessee, in March 1775, and passed through the Cumberland Gap into present-day Kentucky, with their journey terminating at Boonesborough; and

WHEREAS, by traversing that route, they demonstrated to the world that others could venture into the western area of the continent, claim land, and survive; and

WHEREAS, the road created by Daniel Boone and fellow members of his group came to be known as Boone Trace; and

WHEREAS, Boone Trace was the first road opened into land that was to become Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, some 48 million present-day Americans can trace their genealogy to ancestors who came through the Cumberland Gap; and

WHEREAS, the Wilderness Road, a designed wagon road terminating in Louisville, evolved from the original Boone Trace bridle path to become the predominant arterial road over which travelers entered the west; and

WHEREAS, Boone Trace appears on the Tourism Cabinet's Office of Adventure Tourism's recently released Cross Kentucky Master Trail Plan Map as one of eleven currently designated major routes; and

WHEREAS, engraved on a monument at Daniel Boone Park, Flat Lick, Kentucky, are the words, "No other trail is of greater historical significance to the founding of Kentucky and opening of the West";

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. This honorable body hereby recognizes the historical significance of Boone Trace to the settlement of Kentucky and westward lands, and finds that Boone Trace is worthy of being further identified, preserved, protected, marked, and made accessible to the public.

➔Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet is encouraged to utilize the experience and expertise of the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Heritage Council, and to seek funding, both public and private, to appropriately designate and mark highways that most closely parallel the original path of Boone Trace.

➔Section 3. The Tourism Cabinet is encouraged to continue the progress made by the Office of Adventure Tourism in developing Boone Trace as one of the major trail routes, and to promote trail connectivity between communities located on or near Boone Trace in order to enhance tourism development, historic appreciation, and outdoor recreation.

➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the Commonwealth, the secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, the secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, and Dr. John Fox, President, Friends of Boone Trace, Inc., Post Office Box 54895, Lexington, Kentucky 40555.