

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Rep. Borton offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare June 2025 as Great Outdoors Month in  
2 the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Michigan is blessed with an abundance of natural  
4 resources, including over 100 state parks and recreation areas,  
5 11,000 inland lakes, 36,000 miles of rivers and streams, 13,000  
6 miles of state-designated trails, and access to four of the five  
7 Great Lakes; and

8       Whereas, The great outdoors of Michigan provide countless  
9 opportunities for outdoor recreation such as hiking, biking,  
10 fishing, boating, swimming, hunting, camping, wildlife observation,  
11 and more. These outdoor experiences not only enhance physical and  
12 mental well-being, but also help make Michigan one of the most  
13 rewarding and enjoyable places to live, work, and raise a family;  
14 and

1       Whereas, Michigan's vast trail system plays a crucial role in  
2     connecting residents and visitors to the great outdoors, and among  
3     these, the North Central State Trail stands out as a treasured 62-  
4     mile route from Gaylord to Mackinaw City, offering scenic  
5     opportunities for hiking, biking, snowmobiling, and wildlife  
6     observation through some of the state's most beautiful natural  
7     landscapes; and

8       Whereas, The outdoor recreation industry is a major  
9     contributor to Michigan's economy, generating over \$13.9 billion in  
10    value-added economic activity and supporting over 118,000 jobs  
11    across the state, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic  
12    Analysis' 2023 report; and

13      Whereas, Michigan's natural lands and waters are vital to  
14    environmental health, conservation education, and the stewardship  
15    ethic passed from one generation to the next; and

16      Whereas, Great Outdoors Month, celebrated nationwide each  
17    June, encourages all Americans to explore the outdoors, participate  
18    in recreational activities, and appreciate the natural beauty and  
19    resources of their communities; and

20      Whereas, Public and private partners across Michigan play a  
21    key role in protecting access to these spaces and expanding outdoor  
22    opportunities for all; now, therefore, be it

23      Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
24    this legislative body declare June 2025 as Great Outdoors Month in  
25    the state of Michigan; and be it further

26      Resolved, That we encourage all Michiganders to experience and  
27    enjoy our unparalleled outdoor spaces.