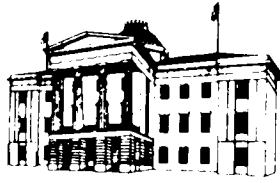


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

MOUNTAINS-TO-SEA TRAIL MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1977 the State of North Carolina adopted the concept of a Mountains-to-Sea Trail to span the state, reaching from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean as a worthy goal and of benefit to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Division of Parks and Recreation, with assistance from federal, state and local government land managers and interested citizens, have developed a plan for the routing of the entire Mountains-to-Sea Trail; and

WHEREAS, governmental agencies and volunteers, such as the Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and its associated trail task forces are working together to plan, build and manage segments of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail; and

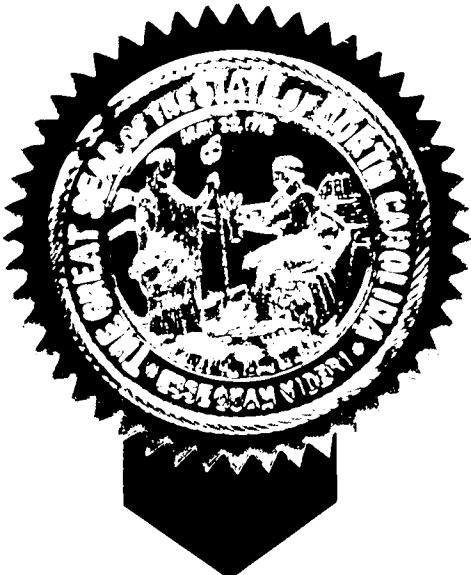
WHEREAS, more than 485 miles of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail have been completed, recognized by the State and open for use; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains-to-Sea Trail is to serve as the backbone of a developing statewide trail network; and

WHEREAS, trails contribute to the health and well-being of all citizens by providing opportunities for recreation, beneficial exercise and reconnection with the natural world; and

WHEREAS, trails are an important component of the green infrastructure and open space network of a community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2008, as "MOUNTAINS-TO-SEA TRAIL MONTH" and encourage all citizens to commend its observance.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.