

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**



April 17, 2018

**RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE OHIO SCENIC RIVERS ACT**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1968, Ohio became a pioneer in the river preservation movement with the passage of the Ohio Scenic Rivers Act, the first scenic rivers act in the nation, which created a program to preserve and protect rivers throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has approximately 60,000 miles of rivers and streams. There are 14 rivers and/or streams in Ohio designated as wild, scenic or recreational. In Lake County the Grand River was designated a State Wild and Scenic River on January 17, 1974, and the Chagrin River was designated a State Scenic River on July 2, 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency have been essential partners in the effort to ensure the safety and protection of Ohio's water resources; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Grand and Chagrin Wild and Scenic River Advisory Council, Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Western Reserve Land Conservancy are dedicated to the restoration and protection of the Wild and Scenic Grand and Chagrin Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Ohio Scenic Rivers Act provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made to protect the State's scenic rivers and a chance to reaffirm the State's commitment to the preservation and protection of Ohio's natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby recognizes the 50th Anniversary of the Ohio Scenic Rivers Act and encourages all in Lake County to enjoy, experience, preserve and protect the Wild and Scenic Grand and Chagrin Rivers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; Lake County Administrator; and to the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator Dan Donaldson.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT


JERRY C. CIRINO


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