



Mayoral Proclamation

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- WHEREAS,** North Carolina's natural beauty is critical to its residents' quality of life, health, and economic well-being; and,
- WHEREAS,** the trails that span across Fuquay-Varina are an integral part of the recreational possibilities and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our residents and our visitors; and,
- WHEREAS,** the parks, greenways, trails, and natural areas across Fuquay-Varina and North Carolina are welcoming to all and provide a common ground for all to access rich and diverse natural, cultural, and historic resources; and,
- WHEREAS,** our state's nature trails range from rugged footpaths on mountain ridges to bikeways along abandoned railway corridors, from canoe trails on our state's rivers to bridle trails in the rolling Piedmont, and from trails through state parks to footpaths and greenways through local neighborhoods; and,
- WHEREAS,** trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all who live or visit Fuquay-Varina and North Carolina, serving as expressions of local community character and pride, as outdoor workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Fuquay-Varina has over 12 miles of greenways and walking paths, and the Town of Fuquay-Varina has made developing additional greenways a priority; and,
- WHEREAS,** the North Carolina General Assembly designated 2023 as the Year of the Trail in North Carolina to promote and celebrate the state's extensive network of trails that showcase our state's beauty, vibrancy and culture; and,
- WHEREAS** North Carolina is known as the "Great Trails State;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. BLAKE MASSENGILL, Mayor of the Town of Fuquay-Varina, do hereby proclaim 2023 as **"THE YEAR OF THE TRAIL"** in Fuquay-Varina, and commend its observance to all people.



FUQUAY-VARINA, NORTH CAROLINA

J. Blake Massengill

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