## **RESOLUTION NO. 05-2021**

## A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY.

- WHEREAS, the City of Monroe is committed to supporting efforts of Tri-State Trails, MetroParks of Butler County, Miami Conservancy District, City of Middletown, City of Hamilton, City of Fairfield, Lemon Township, Fairfield Township, and Liberty Township, hereby referred to collectively as the "Great Miami River Trail Coalition," to collaborate, plan for, construct, and maintain the Great Miami River Trail in Butler County; and
- WHEREAS, active transportation infrastructure, such as multi-use trails, on-road bicycle facilities, and sidewalks, have been shown to promote economic development, increase property values, expand transportation options, improve traffic safety, reduce air pollution, improve public health, and improve community well-being and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS, multi-jurisdictional regional trails create freely accessible recreational opportunities for local and regional tourism that benefits communities and nearby businesses; and
- WHEREAS, the Great Miami River Trail is the second-longest trail in the Tri-State Trails region, with plans to span over ninety-seven miles to connect Fairfield, Ohio to Piqua, Ohio, of which, eighty-three miles are existing, seven miles are in the process of being implemented, and seven miles are currently being planned; and
- WHEREAS, the Great Miami River Trail Coalition has recognized the original Great Miami River Trail Feasibility Study produced by Miami Conservancy District in 2003 and incorporated the Great Miami River Trail into their respective community plans; and
- WHEREAS, the Great Miami River Coalition recognizes the need to update the original Great Miami River Trail Feasibility Study to refine the planned trail alignment, update engineering cost estimates, and prepare to apply for grant funding to construct the trail, hereby referred to as the "Great Miami River Trail Action Plan";
- WHEREAS, Tri-State Trails plays an integral role in convening the Great Miami River Trail Coalition and stakeholders to facilitate, plan, pursue grant funding, and construct the remaining gaps in the Great Miami River Trail in Butler County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

- <u>SECTION 1</u>: The City of Monroe is hereby committed to collaborating with the Great Miami River Trail Coalition and participating in the development of the Great Miami River Trail Action Plan.
- SECTION 2: This measure shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

First Reading: Jonuary 26 2021

APPROVED:

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This legislation was enacted in an open meeting rsuant to the terms and provisions of the Sunshine Law, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**1**, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the city of Monroe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing (ordinance or resolution) was published as required by Section 7.16 of the Charter of the City of Monroe.

Clerk of Council City of Monroe, Ohio