

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION HCR1069:

Covey, Kirby, Askins,  
Deutschendorf, Armes,  
Blackburn, Blackwell,  
Dorman, Braddock, Bonny,  
Maddux, Roggow, Pope,  
McCarter, Langmacher,  
Winchester and Walker of  
the House

and

Myers, Laughlin and Kerr of  
the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution expressing legislative support for a sign identifying the Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma and for exclusive use of the sign for the Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, visitors who follow the Great Plains Trail will find helpful a common sign identifying the trail to reassure them in their travels along the trail; and

WHEREAS, a group of entities that are all in support of the establishment of an identifying sign has been planning a Great Plains Trail to highlight this Great Plains heritage, including members from the Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension, the Great Salt Plains Association, the Resource Conservation and Development Councils, the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and National Wildlife Refuges, Oklahoma Wildlife and Prairie Heritage Alliance, Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS, the identifying sign will consist of the wording "Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma" and a picture of the Scissortailed Flycatcher; and

WHEREAS, the sign brings agencies, organizations, communities and individuals together to use a common identifying feature to help promote nature, tourism and wildlife, and to sustain Oklahoma's environment for the long term; and

WHEREAS, the Trail has the potential to attract thousands of visitors into western Oklahoma while showcasing its spectacular scenery and the culture that makes Oklahoma a premier prairie destination. It is therefore essential to provide for adequate and consistent direction through the use of identifying signs along the Great Plains Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes need for a Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma sign.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates the exclusive use of this specific identifying sign to the Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma.

THAT the organizers of the Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma shall have authority to place that sign along state and county roads, and shall maintain the signs as necessary.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Coordinator of the Oklahoma Wildlife and Prairie Heritage Alliance.

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