DRAFT TPO PROCLAMATION 2025-01
Greenways and Trails Month

WHEREAS, Polk County has 120 different trails of all types totaling nearly 400 miles in length. These trails provide opportunities for Polk County residents and visitors for walking, jogging, hiking, in-line skating, bicycling, horseback riding, canoeing and kayaking.

WHEREAS, the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) maintains a Multi-Use Trails Master Plan for Polk County that contains proposed trails that will connect Polk County's cities, neighborhoods, parks, preserves and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Multi-Use Trails Master Plan, Polk TPO coordinates with its local governments, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Office of Greenways and Trails and other funding agencies to seek funding for the implementation of the proposed projects contained in the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have helped provide funding for the following projects in Polk County: General James A. Van Fleet State Trail; Chain of Lakes Trail; Lake Wales Trail; Fort Fraser Trail; Portions of Lakeland's Lake-to-Lake system of Greenways and Trails; Haines City Trail; Fort Meade (Peace River) Trail; Panther Point Trail; Dundee Scenic Highway Trail; Lake Alfred Veterans Memorial Trail and the Auburndale-TECO Trail; and

WHEREAS, these trails bring benefits to Polk County in the form of economic, health, alternative transportation, connections to our neighborhoods and communities, and an appreciation of Polk County's unique communities and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Office of Greenways and Trails is promoting October as Greenways and Trails Month in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Greenways and Trails Month is consistent with the Polk TPO's multi-modal plans and programs, and goals, objectives and performance targets adopted by the Polk TPO; and

WHEREAS, Greenways and Trails Month supports the Polk TPO's Vision Zero-Safe Streets for All Initiative and adopted Complete Streets Policy, and actions taken to reduce fatal and series injury crashes in all road users, and to support safety on Polk County's transportation system.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), hereby proclaim October 2025 as Greenways and Trails Month in Polk County.

ADOPTED THIS 9th Day of October 2025.

Signed:

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Commissioner Trish Pfeiffer, Chairwoman
Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

October 9, 2025
Date

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ATTEST:

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Ryan Kordek, TPO Director

Approved by the TPO Attorney as to
form and legal sufficiency:

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Heather Bryan, TPO Attorney