State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY DAY

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Appalachian Trail was founded by Benton MacKaye to include opportunities for recreation, recuperation, and employment through "…a series of recreational communities throughout the Appalachian chain… to be connected by a walking trail"; and

WHEREAS, communities along the Appalachian Trail are important partners for the sustainability of the Trail and its greenway for more than four million visitors to the Trail every year; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Trail Community™ is characterized by an abundance of natural, historical and cultural features, many of which are protected and best viewed and appreciated via the Appalachian Trail; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian National Scenic Trail walking, adventures, overlooks, and primitive areas present opportunities to attract visitors to Appalachian Trail Communities™ from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Fontana Dam will act as a catalyst for enhancing economic development, engaging Fontana Dam and Graham County citizens as Appalachian Trail visitors and stewards, and helping community members see the Appalachian Trail as a resource and asset; and

WHEREAS, Fontana Dam is recognized and is taking steps to ensure the ongoing protection of its natural and recreational resources while investing in its future as a memorable destination along the Appalachian Trail; and

WHEREAS, Fontana Dam is now recognized and designated as an Appalachian Trail Community™, an official designation conferred by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and desires to continue its efforts to support the Appalachian Trail and its community effort for at least five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2015, in honor of **"APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY DAY"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

Pat McCrory

PAT McCRORY
Governor