RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) designed to help states provide and maintain recreational trails;

WHEREAS, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Public Law 114-94, reauthorized the Recreational Trails Program for federal fiscal years 2016 through 2020;

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana is currently administered by the Louisiana Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor Recreation, within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, as directed by Executive Order BJ 08-05;

WHEREAS, the Office of State Parks includes within its mission the administration of programs related to outdoor recreation and trails, and in the last fiscal year alone, fifteen new RTP projects were approved for federal assistance totaling more than $1.4 million statewide; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reauthorize the program and appropriate for administration of the program to continue under the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Recreational Trails Program shall be administered by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

SECTION 2: This Order supersedes BJ 08-05, is effective upon signature, and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or until terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of July, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE