

**RESOLUTION #18-0416-05**

**The Ohio Scenic Rivers Act – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 1968, Ohio became a pioneer in the river preservation movement with the passage of the Ohio Scenic Rivers Act, the first scenic rivers act in the nation, which created a program to preserve and protect rivers throughout the State of Ohio; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ohio has approximately 60,000 miles of rivers and streams. There are 14 rivers and/or streams in Ohio designated as wild, scenic or recreational. The Olentangy State Scenic River was the third river in Ohio to be designated; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency have been essential partners in the effort to ensure the safety and protection of Ohio's water resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, locally, the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed and the Delaware County Soil and Water are dedicated to the restoration and protection of the Olentangy State Scenic River; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Ohio Scenic Rivers Act provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made to protect the state's scenic rivers and a chance to reaffirm the state's commitment to the preservation and protection of Ohio's natural resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Liberty Township Board of Trustees** recognizes the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ohio Scenic Rivers Act and encourages all in Delaware County to enjoy, experience, preserve and protect the Olentangy State Scenic River.

Motion made by Mr. Gemperline and seconded by Mrs. Eichhorn

**Vote:** yes Mrs. Eichhorn yes Mr. Gemperline n/p Mrs. Leneghan

This Resolution shall be in force and become effective immediately upon its execution.

4-16-2018  
Date

not present  
Melanie Leneghan, Trustee

CERTIFIED BY:

Nancy Deputte  
Nancy Deputte, Fiscal Officer

Mike Gemperline  
Mike Gemperline, Trustee  
Shyra Eichhorn  
Shyra Eichhorn, Trustee