

# Proclamation

## *NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL TOWN*

WHEREAS, The North Country National Scenic Trail runs directly through the City of Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS, The North Country National Scenic Trail (North Country Trail) is one of eleven (11) National Scenic Trails in the country; and

WHEREAS, the North Country Trail Association is the founder of the North Country Trail and continues as the lead volunteer organization for developing and maintaining the North Country Trail from New York to North Dakota for over 4,600 miles of hiking trail; and

WHEREAS, such hiking trail provides a year-round source of pleasure and recreation to the North Country's citizens and visitors to the North Country; and

WHEREAS, many of the citizens in and around the community of Grand Rapids and other visitors and citizens of the North Country are becoming more health conscious and are turning to hiking as one of the major forms of maintaining a healthy body; and

WHEREAS, the community of Grand Rapids is an ideal destination for many of today's visitors to the North Country; and

WHEREAS, Itasca County offers a variety of outdoor and cultural experiences to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, available supporting services and facilities such as lodging and restaurants make Grand Rapids an outstanding heritage and nature-based tourism destination; and

WHEREAS, casual walkers, day hikers, and weekend backpackers want to enjoy the North Country Trail, and the community of Grand Rapids can provide the gateway to their experience.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, does hereby proclaim to be a **NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL TOWN** and commends the North Country Trail Association for its work in developing and maintaining the North Country Trail and further encourages all residents of and visitors to take a hike on the North Country Trail

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and the seal of the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of March, Two thousand twenty-five.

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Tasha Connelly, Mayor  
City of Grand Rapids