

1997 Assembly Joint Resolution 48

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: recognizing the importance of the Kettle Moraine.

Whereas, the Wisconsin Glacier created a landscape of glacial features in Wisconsin in concentrations found nowhere else on earth; and

Whereas, one of the most spectacular concentrations of these glacial features is found in the Kettle Moraine area of Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Washington, Waukesha and Walworth counties; and

Whereas, the state of Wisconsin began in the 1930's acquiring the lands of the Kettle Moraine, replanting its forests, taking care to protect its glacial features, and managing the lands for perpetuity as the Kettle Moraine State Forest; and

Whereas, the need to protect the Kettle Moraine in Washington and Waukesha counties has never been greater, due to urban development; and

Whereas, the Kettle Moraine Task Force of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission have all recommended that the Kettle Moraine be protected as an environmental corridor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature recognizes the importance of the Kettle Moraine State Forest in protecting the features of our glacial landscape, providing open space and recreational opportunity and maintaining and enhancing natural communities; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin legislature encourages the efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with private citizens, conservation organizations and local governments, to protect the Kettle Moraine lands linking the Northern and Southern units of the Kettle Moraine State Forest and provide for a route of the Ice Age Trail.

Senator Fred Risser President of the Senate	Representative Scott R. Jensen Speaker of the Assembly
Date	Charles R. Sanders Assembly Chief Clerk