

- WHEREAS, The Sheltopee Trace is a 262 mile National Recreation Trail that runs north and south through the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, The Sheltopee Trace connects many popular Kentucky attractions, such as Cave Run State Park, Natural Bridge State Resort Park, the Red River Gorge Geological Area, Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, and the Big South Fork National Recreation Area; and
- WHEREAS, The Sheltopee Trace offers Kentuckians a unique educational and adventuresome travel through a wide variety of habitats, from rugged, wooded ridge-tops to farmland; and
- WHEREAS, The Sheltopee Trace was named for Daniel Boone, whose nickname was "Sheltopee," a Native American word for "turtle." (Hence, the turtle symbol on the signs marking the Sheltopee trail); and
- WHEREAS, Outdoor adventurers and related businesses along the Sheltopee Trace have contributed significantly to Kentucky's third largest industry, Tourism which injects over 11 billion dollars into Kentucky's economy; and
- WHEREAS, The Sheltopee Trace has provided adventure tourism for visitors and Kentuckians alike as a means to promote activities to improve the overall health of Kentuckians while contributing to the local and state economy; and
- WHEREAS, The stewardship of Kentucky's natural forest, parks, and trails provide for a sustainable recreational resource for future generations; and
- WHEREAS, Sheltopee Trace is a national treasure and throughout the spring of 2010 we are encouraging all citizens and visitors alike to participate in the posting of new trail markers along the longest trail in Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, It is both proper and just to recognize the preeminent role that the Sheltopee Trace has played in Kentucky's history, its value as a tourism economic touring route, and its future impact on

local community progress and prosperity in the Commonwealth's economy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky do hereby proclaim, March 2010, as

Sheltowee Trace Month

in Kentucky and urge all Kentuckians to "go adventuring" and assist in posting new trail markers on one of our oldest and longest trails, The Sheltowee Trace.