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STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 33

**AN ORDER CREATING THE JUSTIN P. WILSON – CUMBERLAND
TRAIL STATE PARK**

WHEREAS, creation of the Cumberland State Scenic Trail initially began in the 1970s, and by 1990, less than half of the Cumberland Trail was complete due to environmental conflicts and budget constraints;

WHEREAS, in 1997, Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Justin P. Wilson began to identify new opportunities for local and state greenways and trails through a new state recreation plan, including the completion of the Cumberland Trail;

WHEREAS, through the outstanding leadership of Justin P. Wilson, the funding and vision to complete the Cumberland Trail was put in place;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 1998, the State announced the creation of the Cumberland Trail State Park, Tennessee's 53rd State Park and the only state park of its kind at that time, becoming the first link in the state-developed regional trail system, much like its federal counterpart, the Appalachian Trail;

WHEREAS, to date, the Cumberland Trail State Park includes 185 miles of completed trail and encompasses 7,250 acres of land, over 5,000 acres being acquired during the Sundquist Administration;

WHEREAS, upon completion, the Cumberland Trail State Park and its associated loops and connector trails to other state and local parks will exceed 300 miles, cutting through 10 Tennessee counties from the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park on the Tennessee-Virginia-Kentucky border to Signal Point near Chattanooga;

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Trail State Park has been recognized as "a visionary way of thinking";

WHEREAS, in realizing this goal, Tennessee had in Justin P. Wilson a uniquely dedicated, aggressive and intelligent leader for identifying and securing scarce funding to acquire Cumberland Trail lands;

WHEREAS, Justin P. Wilson remained true to his political and philosophical beliefs in achieving this great endeavor and in so doing inspired others with his unique dedication to principle and integrity;

WHEREAS, Justin P. Wilson's public-service and leadership led to his recognition as the 1996 Conservationist of the Year;

WHEREAS, his tireless desire to achieve realistic results and his unparalleled work ethic have earned him the respect and admiration of others;

WHEREAS, a permanent legacy should be created for the Wilson family ancestors and the citizens of Tennessee to permanently honor a legacy of true public service to the people of Tennessee and dedication and quality of service beyond the call of duty;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Sundquist, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct that the Cumberland Trail State Park shall be known from this day forward as the Justin P. Wilson - Cumberland Trail State Park, and all signage shall reflect this change.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 31st day of July, 2002.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE