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The National Scenic Byway Foundation is pleased to endorse and support the national effort to create a Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. California has led the growing list of states, including Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Ohio and Nebraska that have recognized the myriad benefits of outdoor recreation and play in children's lives by adopting a Children's Outdoor Bill Of Rights.

Numerous studies have demonstrated the many benefits of outdoor activities on children. Byways provide first-rate outdoor playgrounds for travelers of all ages. Around the country, byway organizations are developing programs to target families who want to both see their country and give their kids multiple ways to move—to walk, hike, bike, skip, and jump. Kids can play outdoors along byways in every season by flying a kite, camping, fishing, paddling, tubing, skiing, or building a snowman.

Byway organizations across the country are collaborating with programs such as Colorado Kids Outdoors, an organization that supports public, private and nonprofit organizations in their quest to provide outdoor activities for kids. Byways also work on a regular basis with partners who manage public lands, including the National Park Service, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and state parks and wildlife agencies. All of these partners have ongoing programs to encourage children to get outdoors.

The National Scenic Byway Foundation is committed to providing leadership to empower, strengthen and sustain byways. We applaud the effort to establish the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights at the national level.