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JACKSON, TN MARATHON SELECTED TO HOST RRCA TENNESSEE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON APRIL 1, 2017

Andrew Jackson Marathon is Tennessee's Oldest

JACKSON, TN December 7, 2016 --- For the first time in the event's history, The Andrew Jackson Marathon has been awarded the Tennessee Marathon Championship by the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA). The race is also a Boston Marathon Qualifier.

The marathon and half-marathon annually attract hundreds of runners to Jackson. A new route beginning and ending in Downtown Jackson and winding through residential neighborhoods will provide a challenge for both new and experienced runners.

Additionally, bands will perform along the route and at the finisher refreshment replenishment area. A pasta dinner is planned to coincide with package pick-up the night prior to the race.

"This marathon will allow runners a unique opportunity to be a state champion", said race director, Danny Crossett. You have very nice odds of winning your age group in this year's marathon—we are capping marathon entries at 200 and half-marathon entries at 600."

Registration for both races is open at andrewjacksonmarathon.com. Slots for the marathon are expected to fill quickly with the announcement of the state championships.

Proceeds from the event continue to support the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. The center was founded by Jackson resident and legendary rockabilly artist Carl Perkins. The center serves hundreds of children and families each year.