



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month is an opportunity to celebrate and experience America's splendor and renew our commitment to conserve our air, water, and land; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources manages/operates 22 state parks, 23 state fishing lakes, 47 reservoirs, 122 public boat ramp facilities, the most successful inshore/offshore fishing reefs program in the nation, and 2 birding trails. Alabamians are enjoying our state's magnificent scenery and the healthy benefits of outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alabama play an important role in protecting our natural resources by volunteering throughout the state and nation for environmental education programs, local parks, nature conservancies; and

WHEREAS, The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources facilitates many educational programs including: Alabama's Forever Wild, Alabama Outdoor Classroom, National Archery in the Schools, Step Outside, Becoming an Outdoors Woman, Project Wild and Project WET Workshops for teachers, Naturalist Programs at State Parks, two Wehle Nature Centers and 5 Rivers-Alabama's Delta Resource Center, Wildlife Art and Photo Contests, and Hooked on Fishing—Not on Drugs:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 2009, as

Great Outdoors Month

in the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 1st day of May 2009.



Governor Bob Riley