

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the Great Outdoors enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and in the company of old and new friends; and

**WHEREAS**, our kids today spend an average of 10 hours a day in front of a screen and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy to the adverse effects caused by our increasing inactivity; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse Great Outdoors Month events including National Trails Day, National Get Outdoors Day, the Great Outdoors Month, National Day of Service, the Great American Campout, Kids to Parks Day and more help connect citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, other events during Great Outdoors Month such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day and Get Into Your Sanctuary Days provide all of us, especially our children, with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both large and growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures, and in our state, where it is estimated at \$17.1 billion and supports some 166,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona State Parks and Trails, celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, offers 35 state parks as well as Arizona's 22 national park units, 6 national forests and more reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our important cultural and historic events and traditions are linked to places in our state which are parts of national, state and local park systems; and

**WHEREAS**, enjoyment of our Great Outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, our water, our wildlife and our lands and contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes and fees; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists which make outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds new and needed features such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as**

**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

and I further urge all citizens and visitors from other states and other countries to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Arizona's Great Outdoors.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

*Michele Reagan*

SECRETARY OF STATE