

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Colorado is abundant with opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the Great Outdoors; and*

*WHEREAS, our children today spend an average of 10 hours each 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, various Great Outdoors Month® events, including National Trails Day®, National Get Outdoors Day, the Great Outdoors 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, 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 \$20.02 billion and supports some 185,000 jobs; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's 42 state parks, 13 national park units, 11 national forests and more attract millions of visitors per year and 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, Great Outdoors Month® allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists which makes 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;*

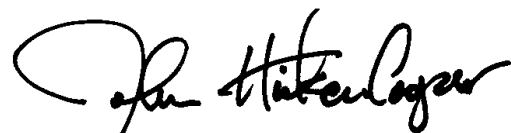
*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, June 2017, as*

## **GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2017*



  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor