

STATE OF DELAWARE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



**STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

Whereas, Delaware's 17 state parks provide outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the Great Outdoors enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and friends; and

Whereas, our children today spend an average of ten hours a day in front of a screen and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy to the negative effects caused by our decreased activity; and

Whereas, diverse Great Outdoors Month events including National Trails Day, National Get Outdoors Day, and more help connect citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and

Whereas, Great Outdoors Month, promotes activates including biking, swimming, hiking, paddling, fishing, hunting, boating and many more which help us and our children enjoy the physical, mental health, and educational benefits of outdoor recreation; and

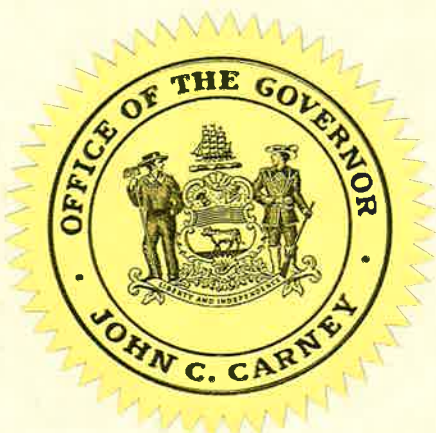
Whereas, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both large and growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures, and in our state, where it is estimated at \$5.2 billion and supports more than 55,000 jobs; and

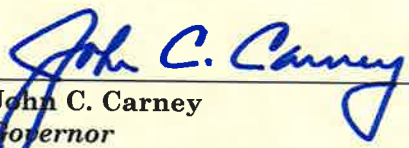
Whereas, Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state, and local, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists which makes outdoor recreation opportunities available to all Delawareans.

**Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,**
do hereby recognize
June 2017 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in the State of Delaware, and urge all citizens and visitors from other states and countries to explore, enjoy and help conserve Delaware's Great Outdoors.




John C. Carney
Governor


Bethany Hall-Long
Lieutenant Governor