



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION GEORGIA GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources during the month of June 2009 is launching Get Outdoors Georgia, a statewide, ongoing initiative to foster and encourage an interest in health awareness, fitness and the outdoors; and
- WHEREAS: The mission of the Get Outdoors Georgia initiative focuses on highlighting the link between participating in outdoor recreation and improved health for people of all ages and abilities as well as an emphasis on children's early involvement in nature to establish life-long physical, mental and community benefits; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for 2008-2013 includes strategic priorities to promote fitness and livability in all Georgia communities, to enhance Georgia's economic vitality through the social, environmental and economic benefits of outdoor recreation and to address the need for conservation and proper use of Georgia's natural resources; and
- WHEREAS: The 2009 National Award of SCORP Excellence has been awarded to the state of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: June is National Great Outdoors Month and other outdoor recreation annual events are also occurring in June, such as National Trails Day, National Boating and Fishing Week, National Family Recreation Week and National Clean Beaches Week; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as GEORGIA GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.



*Sonny Perdue*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
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CHIEF OF STAFF