



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Great Outdoors Month 2017

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is blessed with unique natural and cultural features providing year-round opportunities for experiencing our natural splendors in the company of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, children today spend countless hours in front of a video screen while leading health organizations tout outdoor activity as a remedy for the adverse effects of our increasing inactivity; and

WHEREAS, diverse events throughout the country during Great Outdoors Month help connect citizens of all ages to fun outdoor activities and provide children with exciting opportunities for recreation on land and water from mauka to makai; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both significant and growing, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures nationally and an estimated \$8.5 billion locally; and

WHEREAS, the Aloha State's 51 managed state parks, seven national park units, hiking trails, and beaches attract millions of visitors each year and reflect the variety of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate and reinforce the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our watersheds and wildlife within parks, forests and along trails;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

“GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and urge all residents and visitors to explore and enjoy Hawai'i's great outdoors, and to mālama honua—care for our island earth.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of June 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i