



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, June of each year is designated as Great Outdoors Month to highlight the numerous benefits of active fun outdoors and the magnificent shared resources of our parks, forests, refuges, and other public lands and waters; and,

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month is an opportunity to celebrate the rich blessings of our nation's natural beauty, and to renew our commitment to protecting our environment so that we can leave our children and grandchildren a healthy and flourishing land; and,

WHEREAS, this month is also an opportunity to pay tribute to those whose hard work and dedication keep our country's open spaces beautiful and accessible to our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, June also opens the active summer vacation and recreation season. Through recreational activities such as fishing, skiing, biking, and nature watching, we can teach our young people about the wonders of our state's landscapes; and,

WHEREAS, experiencing Illinois' natural splendor contributes to happier and healthier lives for our citizens and a deeper appreciation for the great outdoors; and,

WHEREAS, countless citizens volunteer their time and talents to protect America's natural resources. By working together, we can help preserve our local parks, lakes, rivers, and working lands; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting that during this month we should also acknowledge the dedicated efforts of all those who work to promote stewardship and conservation of our state's natural wonders;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2011 as **GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities and to take time to experience and enjoy the great outdoors.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this FOURTEENTH day of APRIL, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

ELEVEN, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

*Dee Weitz*

*Pat Quinn*

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR