
State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

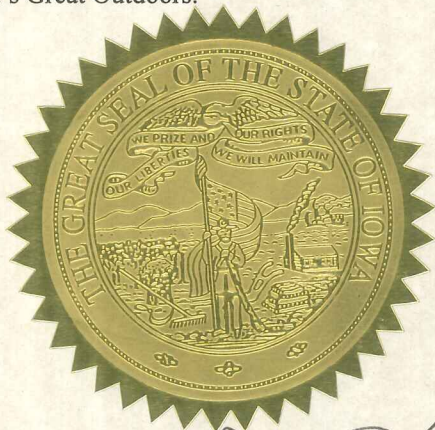
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Iowa is blessed with outstanding opportunities for fun in the Great Outdoors enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and in the company of old and new friends; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2016 Iowa helped introduce its youth to their great outdoors and all the healthy, active outdoor fun it offers through events such as Capital Campouts and more; and
- WHEREAS,** diverse 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,** other events during Great Outdoors Month®, such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day and Get Into Your Sanctuary Days, provide all of us, especially our children, with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our state; 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 \$8.4 billion and supports some 105,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa's state parks, forests, national parks, and more attract millions of visitors per year and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and
- WHEREAS,** enjoyment of our Great Outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, our water, our wildlife and our lands and contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes and fees; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the state of Iowa, do hereby officially proclaim the month of June, 2017 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in Iowa and urge all citizens and visitors from other states and countries to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Iowa's Great Outdoors.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 3rd
DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO
THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.**



TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE