

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas has an abundance of opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the great outdoors and appreciate the many natural splendors of our state; and

WHEREAS, enjoying the Kansas outdoors contributes to our quality of life. Outdoor recreation promotes health, fitness, and environmental awareness and outdoor recreation is an ideal way to exercise and enjoy memorable experiences with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, it is up to all of us to maintain and enhance our legacy of environmental stewardship and enjoyment of the state's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month connects all of us to the outdoors, and especially our children, through diverse events such as National Trails Day (June 3), National Fishing and Boating Week (June 3-11), National Marina Days, National Get Outdoors Day (June 10), the Great American Campout, Kids to Parks Day, Great Outdoors Day of Service (June 16) and more; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both large and growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures, and in Kansas, where it is estimated at \$9.3 billion and supports some 116,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, many of our important cultural and historic events and traditions are linked to places in our state which are parts of national, state and local park systems; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to leave a well-tended legacy to those who will follow us:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim June of 2017 as

Great Outdoors Month

in Kansas and urge everyone to join in this observance by visiting our state's wonderful state and local parks and national sites, enjoying them with family and friends, and making outdoor activities a regular part of life in the Sunflower State.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 24th day of
May, A.D. 2017

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas.

Kevin Kobach
Secretary of State

Carolyn Kellah
Assistant Secretary of State