

Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Kentucky is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy 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, Our kids today spend an average of 10 hours a day in front of a screen and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy for the adverse effects caused by our increasing inactivity; 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, 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 \$12.02 billion and supports some 148,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's 38 state parks, four national parks, two national forests, and more attract millions of visitors each 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017 as


GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 4th day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen and in the 225th year of the Commonwealth.




MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR


ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE