

State of Maine



WHEREAS, this State's natural beauty is rich and abundant and should be celebrated as such; and

WHEREAS, there are countless citizens who work hard and dedicate themselves to keeping our open spaces and natural resources beautiful, accessible and protected at local parks, lakes, rivers and working lands; and

WHEREAS, in Maine and throughout this country, the number of overweight children is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine's "Take It Outside" initiative encourages parents to take their children outside and experience their own backyards and Maine's many treasures in the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, kids and adults are healthier and happier when they are exposed to the wonders of nature; and

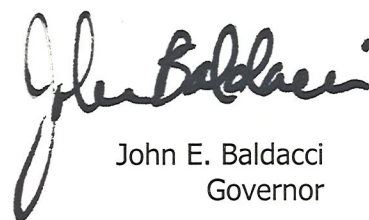
WHEREAS, Maine is full of opportunities to swim or canoe, hike or bike, and enjoy the warm weather while paddling the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, climbing Mount Katahdin, or experiencing any number of golf courses, State Parks, trails or lakes around the State,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2009 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-third day of April Two Thousand and Nine.



John E. Baldacci
Governor



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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