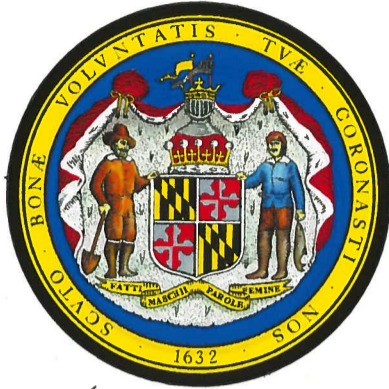


# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH JUNE 2017**

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland 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,** *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 \$13.4 billion and supports some 127,000 jobs; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland's 40 state parks, 16 national park units 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; 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.*
- WHEREAS,** *Each citizen plays an important role in continuing our legacy of stewardship and enjoyment of the great outdoors.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 2017 as GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH in Maryland, and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of June  
Two Thousand and seventeen



*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert K. Lutherford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Winkler*  
Secretary of State