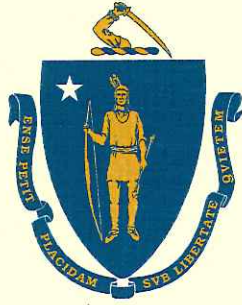


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has long been in the forefront of the effort to conserve lands for public enjoyment and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) serves as steward of more than 450,000 acres of protected land extending from Revere Beach, the nation's first public beach, to the summit of Mount Greylock, the first mountain in our state park system, comprising the 9th largest state park system in the nation; and

Whereas The DCR is a national leader in accessibility offering a vast variety of recreational opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy our state parks, beaches, forests, rail trails, campground, rinks, skateparks, playgrounds, swimming pools, spray decks parks across the Commonwealth; and

Whereas Great Outdoors Month promotes activities including camping, biking, swimming, hiking, paddling, picnicking, fishing and many more which help us enjoy the physical, emotional and educational benefits of outdoor recreation; and

Whereas Introducing kids and adults to new recreational opportunities through the Governor's Capital Campout and Learn to Camp programs is important to inspire families to learn about new places and engage in new experiences together to share adventures that will last a lifetime; and

Whereas This year, we celebrate the centennial of Harold Parker State Forest and Myles Standish State Forest and also the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, our partners throughout the state who help us promote shared stewardship of our Commonwealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources as we begin a new century of stewardship; and

Whereas We invite every person, whether a kid or kid at heart, to "Find Your Park" and share your adventures @MassDCR using #MassParks, #EveryKidinaPark and #FindYourPark to inspire others to experience our incredibly diverse park system and to continue a rich legacy of preserving land for conservation and recreation "close to home" for the benefit and well-being of the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017, to be,

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of June, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts