



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesotans can enjoy outstanding opportunities in the Great Outdoors, including in 75 state parks and recreation areas, 25 state trails, 35 state water trails, 59 state forests and thousands of miles of snowmobile, off-highway vehicle, ski and horse trails; and
- WHEREAS: The mental and physical benefits of spending time in the Great Outdoors are well documented; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota state parks and trails contribute to the state's \$14.4 billion tourism industry, employing more than 250,000 people; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month connects Minnesotans to the outdoors through numerous events, and reflects our strong commitment to conservation; and
- WHEREAS: Admission to all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas is free on the second Saturday in June, which is National Get Outdoors Day; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies; the recreation and tourism industries; and the millions of outdoor recreation enthusiasts who visit parks and trails each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2017, as:

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16th day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE