

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mississippians have a tradition of protecting the environment and enjoying the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, a clean and safe environment contributes to our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation promotes health, fitness and environmental awareness; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation is an ideal way to exercise and enjoy memorable experiences with family and friends; 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 \$6.3 billion and supports some 78,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's 22 state parks, 8 national park units, 6 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, it is up to all of us to maintain and enhance our legacy of environmental stewardship and enjoyment of the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to leave a well-tended legacy to those who will follow us:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 2017 as

Great Outdoors Month

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the first day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR