



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month is an opportunity for citizens to celebrate and experience Missouri's natural treasures and renew our commitment to conserve our air, land and water; and

WHEREAS, during Great Outdoors Month, we celebrate the opportunity to enjoy the healthy benefits of being outdoors and connecting with nature; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month gives us the opportunity to bring families and children together to explore nature through recreational activities such as fishing, boating, hiking and nature-watching; and

WHEREAS, during Great Outdoors Month, we honor and recognize the dedicated men and women who volunteer to help protect our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, those who volunteer in their communities at environmental education programs, local parks, nature conservancies and other stewardship opportunities make invaluable contributions to the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the great outdoors enriches the lives of all citizens and makes communities stronger.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2011 to be

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

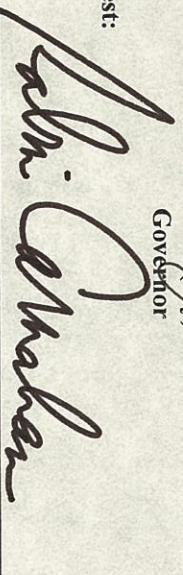
in Missouri and encourage all residents to learn about opportunities to care for our environment and celebrate our state's natural resources.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 31st day of March, 2011.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


John C. Mahan
Secretary of State