

Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Missouri is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the Great Outdoors and for enjoying natural splendors in the company of family and in the company of old and new friends; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse Great Outdoors Month events such as National Trails Day, National Get Outdoors Day, The Great Outdoors Month National Day of Service, the Great American Campout, and Kids to Parks™ Day connect citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, other events during Great Outdoors Month such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day and Get Into Your Sanctuary Days provide all of us, especially our children, with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our State; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month promotes activities such as biking, swimming, hiking, paddling, fishing, hunting, boating, and many more to help us and our children enjoy the physically and mentally healthful and educational benefits of outdoor recreation; 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 to contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes, and fees; 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 \$16.6 billion and supports some 170,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's 43 state parks, six 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

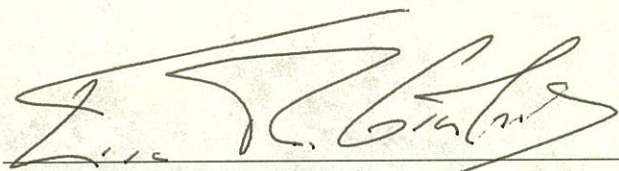
**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists which makes outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds new and needed features such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

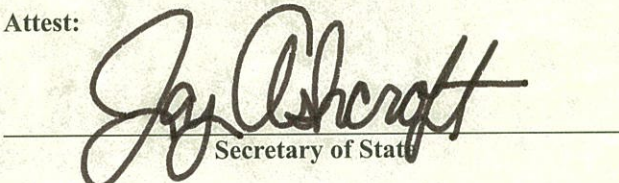
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017 to be

### GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.



  
Eric R. Greitens  
Governor

Attest:  
  
Secretary of State