



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, NEW MEXICO IS FORTUNATE TO OFFER OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE FUN IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS WHILE ENJOYING NATURAL ATTRACTIONS IN THE COMPANY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS; AND

WHEREAS, KIDS TODAY SPEND AN AVERAGE OF 10 HOURS PER DAY IN FRONT OF A TELEVISION OR COMPUTER SCREEN, AND NEW MEXICO HAS INTRODUCED ITS YOUTH TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND THE ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES OFFERED THROUGH MANY EVENTS; WHICH ALSO PROVIDES MANY HEALTHFUL BENEFITS; AND

WHEREAS, DIVERSE GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH EVENTS, INCLUDING NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, NATIONAL GET OUTDOORS DAY, THE GREAT OUTDOORS DAY OF SERVICE, THE GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT, KIDS TO PARKS DAY, AND MORE, HELP CONNECT PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES; 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 CHILDREN, WITH EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION ON NEW MEXICO WATERS; AND

WHEREAS, THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IS LARGE AND GROWING NATIONALLY, EXCEEDING \$650 BILLION IN ANNUAL EXPENDITURES; AND IN NEW MEXICO, THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IS ESTIMATED AT \$8.1 BILLION WHICH SUPPORTS 95,000 JOBS; AND

WHEREAS, NEW MEXICO'S 35 STATE PARKS, 15 NATIONAL PARK MONUMENTS, AND FIVE NATIONAL FORESTS ATTRACT MILLIONS OF VISITORS EACH YEAR AND REFLECT EVERY FACET OF OUR STATE'S RICH NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY; AND

WHEREAS, ENJOYMENT OF OUR GREAT OUTDOORS ALLOWS US TO CELEBRATE THE COMMITMENT OF OUR STATE TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTRIBUTE TO CONSERVATION EFFORTS THROUGH VARIOUS LICENSES, TAXES AND FEES; AND

WHEREAS, GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH ALLOWS US TO COMMEND THE PARTNERSHIP OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES, AND THE RECREATION AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES THAT MAKE OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, AND ADD NEW AND NEEDED FEATURES, SUCH AS IMPROVED TRAILS THROUGH THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM AND THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JUNE 2017, AS

“GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS AND VISITORS FROM OTHER STATES AND COUNTRIES TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY, PROTECT, AND CONSERVE NEW MEXICO'S GREAT OUTDOORS.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2017.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

ATTEST:

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

