



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York is a magnificent and scenic state with diverse natural resources including vast mountain peaks, miles of ocean beaches, plenty of forests, lakes, and rivers, dramatic gorges, and a well-developed system of trails – all of which provide a venue for outdoor activity and healthy recreation; and

Whereas, the arrival of warm weather brings opportunities to spend time outdoors, and residents and visitors to this State are encouraged to engage in various forms of outdoor activity this time of year allows and, at the same time, are reminded to be safe and sensible; and

Whereas, a number of parks and other natural settings offer outdoor adventures and activities that appeal to a variety of interests and that provide recreational pleasure as well as exercise – from enjoying a sport as a member of a summer league, to the vigorous workout that comes from bicycling, hiking, horseback riding, or whitewater rafting; and

Whereas, our abundance of rivers and lakes, along with a generous shoreline, have produced a vast network of public beaches that provide residents and visitors with opportunities for invigorating water recreation and sports activities; and

Whereas, within our State Parks there are forests, trails, wetlands, wildlife centers, streams, historic sites and other precious natural resources that are irreplaceable yet easily accessible to people, and these public lands provide opportunities to experience nature's unique and beautiful landscapes, and learn about our environment; and

Whereas, New York is synonymous with summer fun and adventure and, each year, people from around the world discover some of our finest assets in an abundance of natural resources that attract outdoor enthusiasts to visit spectacular parks, wildlife preserves, and scenic campgrounds that provide a backdrop for memorable vacations; and

Whereas, our State also has an impressive array of sports venues, including more than 400 public golf courses – from nine-hole par threes to professional-caliber regulation courses, attracting all levels of golfers for hours of excellent play; and

Whereas, New York State joins in support of Great Outdoors Month and its goals that are of vital interest to our citizens, recognizing that our precious natural heritage opens up a world of exciting possibilities for outdoor experiences;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 2011 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i b e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-fifth
day of May in the year two thousand eleven.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor