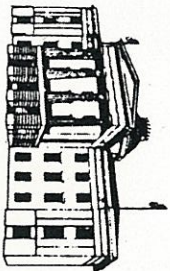


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is home to vast natural beauty, from our majestic mountains to our pristine coast, offering opportunities for citizens and visitors to explore, contemplate, and enjoy the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month was first recognized by the White House in 1997 to encourage the enjoyment and splendor of our nation's natural beauty, as well as the benefits of active outdoor living; and

WHEREAS, during Great Outdoors Month, the State of North Carolina urges citizens to get outside and to enjoy the flora, fauna and wildlife of our local, state and national parks, forests and gamelands, as well as trails, greenways and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, biking, sport fishing, boating and hiking, are just some of the many activities citizens and visitors can partake of while enjoying the magnificent scenery and the healthy benefits of outdoor recreation in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month is an opportunity to celebrate and experience North Carolina's natural splendor and renew our commitment to conserve our air, water and land; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina continues to support "Green Economy" initiatives to protect the environment and invest in clean, renewable and efficient energy which will help make the great natural resources of our state enjoyable for generations to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2011, as "**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**" in North Carolina and call upon our citizens to observe the month by participating in activities and enjoy the benefits and scenic beauty of our great outdoors.



Beverly Perdue

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.