

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma is blessed with 12 distinct eco-regions containing outstanding natural and cultural diversity within the state's borders; and

Whereas, from the rocky mountain foothills of the Black Mesa to the cypress trees and bogs of the southeast, from the tall grass prairies of the northeast to the ancient mountains of the southwest, Oklahoma has natural beauty which raises the spirit and calls us to experience it; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has 42 state parks which provide lake access, trails, nature centers, campgrounds, cabins and lodging facilities, biking, interpretive historical and cultural programs and recreational opportunities for families to make memories of fun days spent together; and

Whereas, in addition to state parks, Oklahoma is blessed with innumerable city, county and other publicly accessible parks which provide opportunities for physical activity and the development of healthy lifestyle choices while learning about the outdoors; and

Whereas, Oklahomans have a responsibility to reconnect youth to the outdoors by encouraging interaction with the natural environment and introducing children to the many species of plants and animals which inhabit these spaces. Outdoor activities provide balance to the time spent indoors in classrooms and in front of television and computers, by allowing sensory experiences and learning to occur in a dynamic and changing environment;

Now, therefore, I, **Harry Fallin**, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim June 2011 as

"Great Outdoors Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 14th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the One hundred and third year.



Duane Miller Day
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR