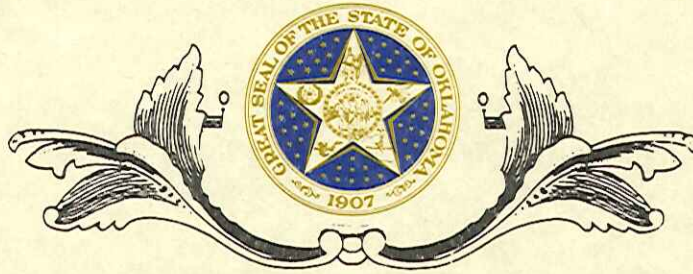


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, Oklahoma is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun by enjoying our natural resources and splendor with family and friends; and

**Whereas**, plenty of outdoor activity will offset the adverse effects caused by Oklahoma's increased inactivity; and

**Whereas**, activities such as biking, swimming, hiking, paddling, fishing, boating and many more help all Oklahomans enjoy the physical and emotional benefits of outdoor recreation; and

**Whereas**, enjoyment of Oklahoma's great outdoors allows us to celebrate our commitment to conserve and protect our state's air, water, wildlife and land and contribute to conservation efforts through various taxes and fees; and

**Whereas**, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is large and growing in our state, supporting 135,000 jobs and accounting for annual expenditures of more than 11 billion dollars; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and the addition of features such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

**Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017 as

### "Great Outdoors Month"

in the state of Oklahoma and urge our residents to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Oklahoma's great outdoors.

*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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and seventeen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and ninth year.*

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

*Mary Fallin*