

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH June 2017

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month is an opportunity for Pennsylvanians to celebrate the commonwealth's natural splendor and renew our commitment to conserve air, water, and land; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month is the perfect opportunity to help reconnect ourselves and our children to nature and address the nationwide trend of children spending half as much time outside as they did twenty years ago; and

WHEREAS, through activities like biking, swimming, boating, hiking, hunting, and fishing, we delight in the health benefits of outdoor recreation and enjoy memorable experiences with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, enjoyment of the great outdoors highlights the critical importance of conserving our natural resources and enhancing our legacy of environmental stewardship by protecting open space, restoring wildlife habitats, educating young people about the environment, planting trees, and maintaining recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation is paramount to the economy of the commonwealth, and the health and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 119 state parks and 18 national parks attracts millions of visitors to the commonwealth each year and reflect the state's rich natural and cultural history; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth's five-year strategic plan for outdoor recreation seeks to have a walking trail within fifteen minutes of every Pennsylvanian, as our quality of life depends on our commitment to appreciate and preserve Pennsylvania's natural bounties.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH. I urge all Pennsylvanians to reaffirm their commitment to enjoying, protecting, and conserving the quality of our outdoors.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twelfth day of May two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.



Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor