

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, while today's children spend an average of 10 hours a day in front of a screen, outdoor activity, including biking, swimming, hiking, boating, fishing, and hunting, promotes health, fitness, and environmental awareness while providing an ideal way to exercise and create memorable experiences with loved ones; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina's 47 state parks, 6 national park units, 3 national forests, and numerous local parks attract millions of visitors each year and reflect every facet of the Palmetto State's rich natural resources and cultural history; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of outdoor recreation in the Palmetto State is estimated at more than \$23 billion and supporting over 280,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the benefits of active fun outdoors and the magnificent shared resources of our parks, forests, refuges, and other public lands and waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take time to enjoy the Palmetto State's natural beauty and make outdoor activities a part of their everyday lives.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA