

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, June typically marks the start of summer recreation in South Dakota – the weather gets warmer, kids start summer vacation, and families gather to spend time together; and,

*Whereas*, Outdoor recreation is an essential component to our well-being, with the ability to improve our health and build the human spirit; and,

*Whereas*, Across the state, countless opportunities for outdoor activities are available, from fishing for walleye in a Northeast glacial lake, to horseback riding along the Missouri River, to hiking amongst the beauty and wildlife found only in Custer State Park; and,

*Whereas*, The Department of Game, Fish, and Parks is dedicated to providing the citizens of South Dakota with more outdoor recreation opportunities by expanding and enhancing state parks, protecting our wildlife heritage, and creating programs such as “No Child Left Inside” to expose our youngsters to the wonders of the outdoors; and,

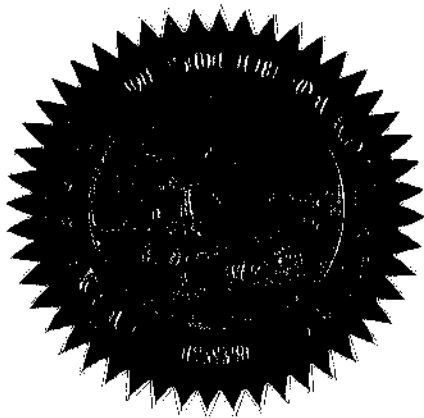
*Whereas*, Outdoor activities are a time-honored tradition in South Dakota, with the knowledge of the perfect way to bait a hook, set up a tent, and build a campfire passed down for countless generations:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2008 as

*GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH*

in South Dakota, and I encourage citizens and our visitors to take advantage of the many opportunities our state offers for family outdoor recreation.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Teresa J. Bray, Deputy*  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State