



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty, including parks, mountains, rivers and lakes, that are ideal locations for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation promotes health, fitness and environmental awareness; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's new statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, "Tennessee 2020", outlines a blueprint to expand citizen participation in health, affirming outdoor activities and places special emphasis on the need of children to interact with nature as a part of their healthy development; and

WHEREAS, "Tennessee 2020" has a vision of Tennessee's children with high-quality, close-to-home opportunities to experience the natural world and more families engaged in nature and the outdoors; and

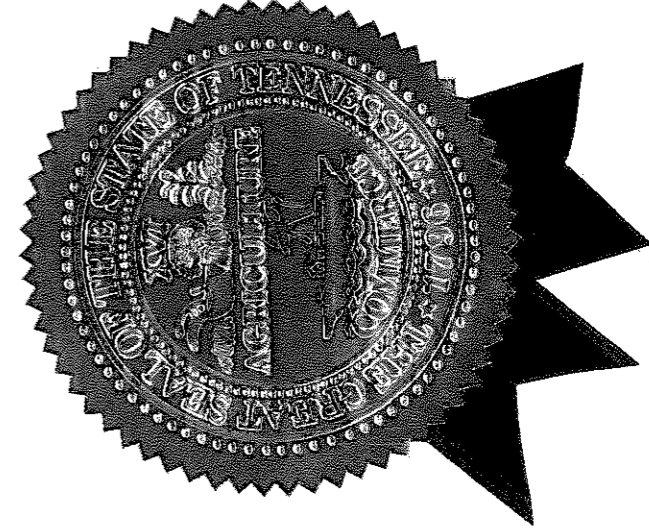
WHEREAS, state and local partners are convening the first-ever Governor's Summit on Every Child Outdoors Tennessee (ECO-TN) at Montgomery Bell State Park to promote children's early involvement in nature to establish life-long physical, mental and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation promotes improved health for people of all ages and abilities and provides an ideal way to exercise and enjoy memorable experiences with families and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2011 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 13th day of June, 2011.



Governor



Secretary of State