



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

From the canyons of the Panhandle to the wide-sweeping plains, the Gulf Coast to the rugged Hill Country, and the fertile Rio Grande Valley to the lush forests of East Texas, the Lone Star State has been blessed with glorious natural beauty.

Outdoor enthusiasts from across the country and around the world travel to Texas to enjoy our natural treasures and to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities — boating, hunting, cycling, fishing, camping, hiking, rock climbing and wildlife watching, to name just a few. These activities encourage active lifestyles and environmental conservation.

With 54 state parks, 13 national park units, four national forests and other outdoor spaces, opportunities to get outside abound in the Lone Star State. Outdoor recreation also has a great economic impact in our state, with \$48 billion in annual expenditures and 440,000 jobs supported.

Each year, the month of June is dedicated to promoting awareness of the great outdoors. We must take time to recognize and appreciate the majestic landscapes of the Lone Star State and teach young Texans all the benefits of spending time in nature.

At this time, I encourage everyone to explore Texas' great outdoors and to help preserve it for future generations.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 2017 to be

Great Outdoors Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 9th day of May, 2017.


Governor of Texas