

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Vermont is celebrated for its places of natural beauty—from the scenic mountains to the rich wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, conserving our natural resources and enhancing our environmental stewardship by protecting open spaces, restoring wildlife habitats, educating young people about the environment and taking actions to ensure its preservation, is an important part of ensuring that Vermont's abundant natural resources are accessible for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month provides an opportunity to recognize the community groups, environmental organizations, and state and local agencies who work diligently to protect our state's most precious treasures; and

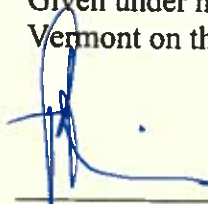
**WHEREAS**, we must continue our commitment and protection of natural resources as a means of job creation and statewide economic development through tourism and recreation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June, 2016 as

**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

in Vermont and urge all citizens and visitors to explore and enjoy,  
protect and conserve Vermont's Great Outdoors.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 2nd day of May, A.D. 2016



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

