

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

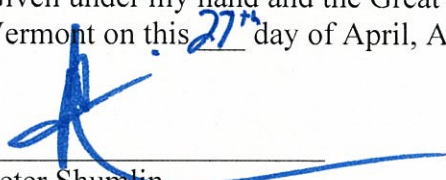
WHEREAS, in these difficult economic times, we must renew our commitment and protection of natural resources as a means of job creation and statewide economic development through tourism and recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 6, A.D. 2011 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH


in Vermont and encourage all citizens to help protect the natural resources with which our state is intertwined.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of April, A.D. 2011.


Peter Shumlin
Governor



By the Governor:


Alexandra MacLean
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs