



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap and from the Great Dismal Swamp to the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's award winning State Parks, Natural Area Preserves, State Forests and Wildlife Management Areas combined with other outstanding local and federal public lands provides unparalleled outdoor recreation that promotes health, fitness and conservation stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Virginia provides great hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, camping, swimming, boating, canoeing, kayaking and wildlife watching; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Commission on Jobs and Economic Development's Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Subgroup is tasked with finding ways to promote and enhance our outdoor recreation and tourism inventory; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of outdoor recreation are important as each citizen works to develop a healthy lifestyle that promotes strong mental, physical and spiritual fitness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize June 2011 as **GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth