



## 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, and I encourage all our citizens to help ensure that our natural resources are conserved and protected so that future generations may be able to enjoy them; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout our great state one can find a variety of unique landscapes including sandy beaches, expansive forests, and towering mountains that offer our citizens the opportunity to participate in a variety of recreational activities while enjoying the magnificent scenery; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to continue our commitment to conserving our public lands, the Commonwealth of Virginia is committed to conserving open space as well as pursuing environmentally responsible initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, I am pleased to recognize the month of June as Great Outdoors Month in Virginia, and I hope that all citizens identify the ways in which they can help conserve our natural resources such as participating in environmental education programs, local park cleanups, park trail maintenance efforts, and restoration of wildlife habitats; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize June 2009 as **GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Timothy M. Kaine in black ink.

*Governor*

Handwritten signature of Katherine F. Hanley in black ink.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*