

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** West Virginia is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the great outdoors, enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and friends; and
- Whereas,** our children today spend an average of ten hours per day in front of a screen and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy to the adverse effects caused by our increasing inactivity; and
- Whereas,** diverse *Great Outdoors Month* events including National Trails Day, National Get Outdoors Day, the Great Outdoors Month National Day of Service, the Great American Campout, Kids to Parks Day, and more help connect citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and
- Whereas,** other events during *Great Outdoors Month* such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day, and Get Into Your Sanctuary Day provide all of us, especially our children, with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our State; and
- Whereas,** enjoyment of our great outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, water, wildlife and lands, and contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes, and fees; and
- Whereas,** the economic impact of outdoor recreation is growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures; in West Virginia, \$9.1 billion in annual expenditures support an estimated 109,000 jobs; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's thirty-three state parks, six national park units, and more attract millions of visitors each year and reflect every facet of our State's rich natural and cultural history; and
- Whereas,** *Great Outdoors Month* allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries, and recreationists, which make outdoor recreation opportunities available and add new and needed features such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 2017* as:

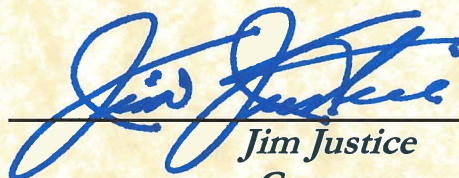
### *Great Outdoors Month*

in the Mountain State and urge all citizens join me in this observance by exploring and enjoying the great outdoors.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State