

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the great outdoors enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and old and new friends; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's more than 100 state parks, forests, recreation areas and trails, two national parks, two national forests, and more attract millions of visitors each year and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin has a history of natural resource stewardship, and our citizens remain committed to protecting and appreciating these valuable resources; and

*WHEREAS*; enjoyment of our great outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, our water, our wildlife, and our lands and contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes, and fees; and

*WHEREAS*; the economic impact of outdoor recreation in Wisconsin is estimated at \$20 billion and it supports some 193,500 jobs; 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 makes outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds new and needed features such as improved trails, water access points, boat landings, and park enhancements;

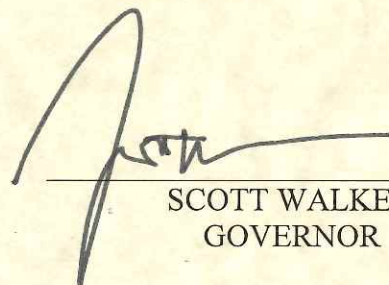
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

### GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State