

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Minnesotans can enjoy outstanding opportunities in the Great Outdoors, including in 75 state parks and recreation areas, 25 state trails, 35 state water trails, 59 state forests and thousands of miles of snowmobile, off-highway

vehicle, ski and horse trails; and

WHEREAS:

The mental and physical benefits of spending time in the Great Outdoors are

well documented; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota state parks and trails contribute to the state's \$14.4 billion tourism

industry, employing more than 250,000 people; and

WHEREAS:

Great Outdoors Month connects Minnesotans to the outdoors through

numerous events, and reflects our strong commitment to conservation; and

WHEREAS:

Admission to all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas is free on the second

Saturday in June, which is National Get Outdoors Day; and

WHEREAS:

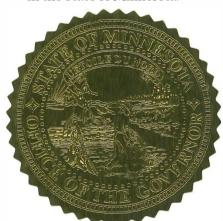
Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies; the recreation and tourism industries; and the millions of

outdoor recreation enthusiasts who visit parks and trails each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2017, as:

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16th day of June.

GOVERNOR

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