



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: As the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," Minnesota is home to an extraordinary state park system, including 76 state parks and recreation areas, with 230,000 acres of land and thousands of miles of trails to explore; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans enjoy the natural environment of the state through outdoor recreational activities that provide proven health benefits, including biking, swimming, hiking, hunting, boating, camping, and fishing; and

WHEREAS: The economic impact of outdoor recreation in Minnesota is significant, with annual spending exceeding \$18 billion, and creating more than 182,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans show dedication to environmental stewardship by volunteering at local parks, participating in environmental education programs, maintaining park trails and campgrounds, and restoring wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month connects Minnesotans to the outdoors through numerous events, and allows us to celebrate our commitment to conservation; and

WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month is a time to celebrate the partnerships between government agencies, recreation and tourism industries, volunteers, and enthusiasts that make outdoor recreational opportunities possible for all Minnesotans to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2014, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE