



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesotans are blessed with outstanding opportunities to experience the great outdoors, enjoying natural splendors in the company of family and friends; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's seventy-five state parks and recreation areas, five national park units, and two national forests, among other outdoor spaces, attract millions of visitors each year and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and
- WHEREAS: Getting outdoor is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy to adverse effects caused by inactivity; and
- WHEREAS: The economic impact of outdoors recreation is significant, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures nationally. In Minnesota, annual economic impact is estimated at \$18.3 billion, supporting more than 182,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS: 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and the 125th anniversary of Minnesota State Parks and Trails; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month celebrates the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies; the recreation and tourism industries; and recreation advocates who make outdoor recreation opportunities available and add new features, such as improved trails, through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month connects Minnesotans to the outdoors through numerous events and celebrates our commitment to conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE