



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is blessed with outstanding opportunities to “Escape the Indoors” by participating in safe and healthy fun in the Great Outdoors in the company of family and old and new friends; and
- WHEREAS: Kids today spend an average of 10 hours a day in front of a screen, and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy for the adverse effects caused by increasing inactivity; and
- WHEREAS: Diverse Great Outdoors Month events including American Hiking Society’s National Trails Day, National Get Outdoors Day, the Great Outdoors Day of Service, the Great American Campout, Kids to Parks Day, Bike Travel Weekend, and more, help introduce citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and
- WHEREAS: Events during Great Outdoors Month provide all Minnesota, especially our children, with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great outdoors of our state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota’s state and national park units, 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: Enjoyment of the Great Outdoors celebrates our commitment to conserve and protect our air, water, wildlife, and lands; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month celebrates the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries, and recreationists who make outdoor recreation opportunities available.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2019, 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