



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is known as a great outdoors state, with a diversity of parks, forests, prairies, waters, fish and wildlife, and other natural treasures that reflect our state's rich culture and over incredible opportunities for outdoor exploration; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's inclusive outdoor recreation systems are designed and available for the use, enjoyment, and benefit of all people living in and visiting our state; and
- WHEREAS: Spending time outdoors provides many significant health and wellness benefits; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's outdoor recreation system creates healthy and prosperous communities by connecting people with the outdoors and supports a robust tourism economy that welcomes millions of visitors each year; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's outdoor recreation sector generated \$13.5 billion in value-added revenue to the state's economy in 2023, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; and
- WHEREAS: The park systems in Minneapolis and St. Paul rank third and fifth for best park access among the 100 most populous U.S. cities, with about 99 percent of residents across the Twin Cities living within a 10-minute walk from a park; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month encourages all people to explore the natural wonders and landscapes throughout Minnesota and participate in outdoor recreation opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month celebrates Minnesota's commitment to conserving and protecting our natural resources for future generations to enjoy; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month provides an opportunity to highlight the transformative Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences) investments that were signed into law in 2023, renewing and evolving our outstanding outdoor recreation systems to better serve people of all ages, interests, and abilities; and
- WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month allows people in Minnesota to celebrate the partnership of Tribal Nations, government agencies, recreation and tourism industries, health providers, educators, volunteers, and others that make outdoor opportunities possible for everyone to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 2025 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 4th Day of June.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE