



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The DNR manages our state lands on behalf of all Minnesotans, and continually strives to ensure the state's public land base meets recreation, conservation, and economic needs into the future; and

WHEREAS: The mental and physical benefits of spending time in the great outdoors are well documented; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans can enjoy outstanding outdoor opportunities, 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: Minnesota State parks and trails are the backbone of the state's \$15 billion tourism industry, which employs 265,000 people; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the tenth anniversary of the passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, which provides critical funding for acquiring land, taking care of what we have, connecting people to the outdoors, and coordinating with partners; and

WHEREAS: In celebration of National Get Outdoors Day, admission to all Minnesota State Parks and Recreation Areas is free on June 9, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2018, 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 31st day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE