



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesotans enjoy Minnesota's natural environment through outdoor recreational activities such as biking, fishing, hunting, boating, camping, and hiking; and
- WHEREAS: As the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," Minnesota is home to an extraordinary state park system, including 75 state parks and recreation areas with 230,000 acres of land and thousands of miles of trails to explore; and
- WHEREAS: The economic impact of outdoor recreation in Minnesota is significant, with annual spending exceeding \$11 billion, creating more than 115,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans show dedication to environmental stewardship by volunteering in local parks, participating in environmental education programs, maintaining park trails and campgrounds, and restoring wildlife habitat; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans treasure Minnesota's exceptional natural resources and enjoy the opportunities they provide. 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 2013, 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 21st day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE