



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina offers outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the great outdoors, where residents and visitors can enjoy our natural splendors in the company of family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, American teens spend an estimated 9 hours on media and screen time, and many health organizations consider outdoor activity a remedy for the adverse effects of prolonged inactivity; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month events – including National Trails Day, National Get Outdoors Day, Great Outdoors Day of Service, Great American Campout, and Kids to Parks Day – help connect people to healthy, fun outdoors activities; other events such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day, and Get Into Your Sanctuary Day provide opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent Outdoor Industry Association Report estimates that outdoor recreation generates almost \$28 billion in consumer spending, and supports 260,000 direct jobs in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's 41 state parks, 10 national parks sites, and 4 national forests attract millions of visitors each year and represent the best of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, state, and local agencies; the recreation and tourism industries; and recreationists partner to improve our outdoor recreation through initiatives such as the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month is an opportunity to celebrate our state's commitment to protect our air, water, wildlife, and lands, and to contribute to conservation through various licenses, taxes, and fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina urges all people living and visiting in our state to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve North Carolina's great outdoors;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2018, as "**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.