

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Vermont is blessed with outstanding opportunities to participate in safe and healthy fun in the Great Outdoors in the company of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, our 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 our 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, "TouchSomeFun" events, Bike Travel Weekend and more, help introduce citizens of all ages to healthy outdoors fun; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's state parks, national park units 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 our Great Outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of Vermont to conserve and protect our air, water, wildlife, and land; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month® celebrates the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, recreation and tourism industries, and recreationalists, which make outdoor recreation opportunities possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH®

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of June, A.D. 2018



Philip B. Scott
Governor



Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs