

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH® JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, North Dakota is blessed with outstanding opportunities to *Escape the Indoors* by participating in safe and healthy fun in the company of family and friends in our great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, many children 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, 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, Bike Travel Weekend and more, help introduce citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and other events, such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day and more, provide all of us with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our state; and


WHEREAS, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both large and growing nationally, where it produces \$734 billion in gross output and accounts for 2.2% of GDP according to the federal government; and in North Dakota it is responsible for \$3.1 billion in consumer spending and directly supports some 30,000 jobs according to the Outdoor Industry Association; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's state parks, national park units, national forests and more attract millions of visitors each year and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and enjoyment of our great outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, water, wildlife and lands and contribute to conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month® allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, as well as the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists who make outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds new and needed features, such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
June 2019, GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE