



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*      PROCLAMATION  
**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH®**  
JUNE 2018

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

**WHEREAS**, other events during Great Outdoors Month®, such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day and more, provide all of us, especially our children, 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 accounts for 2 percent of GDP according to the federal government, and in our state, where 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. Enjoyment of our great outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, our water, our wildlife and our lands and contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes and fees; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month® allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists, which makes 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 2018, **GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH®** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State