



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty, including parks, mountains, rivers and lakes, that are ideal locations for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, biking, swimming, hiking, climbing, paddling, fishing, hunting, boating and many more activities help us enjoy the physically and mentally healthful benefits of outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, "Tennessee 2020," outlines a blueprint to expand citizen participation in health, affirming outdoor activities and places special emphasis on the need of children to interact with nature as a part of their healthy development; and

WHEREAS, "Tennessee 2020" has a vision of Tennessee's children with high-quality, close-to-home opportunities to experience the natural world and more families engaged in nature and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation promotes improved health for people of all ages and abilities and provides an ideal way to exercise and enjoy memorable experiences with families and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2015 as

Great Outdoors Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this tenth day of February, 2015.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State