



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, 2016 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 sixteenth day of February, 2016.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Vitale*

Secretary of State