

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is proud to have 50 state parks, 15 state forests, 44 state trails, 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, more than 15,000 lakes, more than 800 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 4 national parks and trails, and countless recreation areas, local parks, and green spaces; and

WHEREAS; from hunting and fishing to boating and paddling to snowboarding and skiing, outdoor recreation is a fundamental part of the state's culture and heritage, improving the quality of life, drawing visitors from all over the world, supporting tens of thousands of jobs, and serving as a major economic driver for communities across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; with an economic impact estimated at \$8.7 billion annually, Wisconsin's outdoor recreation industry is a top marketable driver of tourism in the state and a major economic driver for local communities, directly supporting local businesses and nearly 90,000 jobs across various sectors; and

WHEREAS; since its inception in 2019, the Office of Outdoor Recreation has proven to be an important resource for residents and visitors, federal, state, and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries, recreationists and outdoor enthusiasts, businesses, and other partners to connect the dots to bolster outdoor recreation in the state and make outdoor recreation opportunities more accessible for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS; enjoyment of the great outdoors is provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to reflect on the state's long-standing, proud history of conservation and environmental stewardship and to renew the shared commitment of protecting Wisconsin's vast and valuable natural resources; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the long-standing partnerships that help make Wisconsin's outdoor recreation industry the best it can be, encourages folks and families to get outside and explore, and commits to ensuring outdoor recreation in the state thrives for years and generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 31st day of May 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State