

WHEREAS; as Wisconsinites, we pride ourselves on the variety of recreational opportunities that our state has to offer, many of which involve the great outdoors and enjoying our natural resources; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 49 state parks, 15 state forests, 44 state trails, 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, more than 15,000 lakes, recreation areas, national parks, local parks and green spaces, and more attract millions of visitors every year and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

WHEREAS; with an economic impact estimated at \$7.8 billion annually, Wisconsin's outdoor recreation industry directly supports 93,000 jobs and was the number one marketable driver of recreational tourism in our state in 2020; and

WHEREAS; enjoyment of our great outdoors provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to celebrate our long-standing history of natural resource stewardship and to renew our commitment to protecting and appreciating our air, water, wildlife, and land; and

WHEREAS; outdoor recreation has continued to be an accessible and enjoyable opportunity for Wisconsinites to stay active and explore, especially over the past two years as our state has navigated the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS; since its inception in 2019, the Office of Outdoor Recreation has proven to be an important link between the people of Wisconsin and the natural beauty of our state, providing resources and opportunities to expand the accessibility of outdoor activities to the public; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the long-standing partnerships—including between federal, state, and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries, and recreationists and outdoor enthusiasts—that help make outdoor recreation opportunities more accessible and continually add new and needed features for Wisconsinites and visitors alike to enjoy, such as improved trails, water access points and boat landings, and park enhancements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2022 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 10th day of June 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State