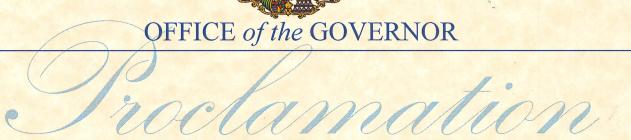
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WHEREAS; Wisconsin has exceptional opportunities for exciting activities in the great outdoors and enjoying our natural resources in the company of family and friends; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's more than 100 state parks, forests, recreation areas and trails, two national parks, national forest, and more attracted 112 million visitors in 2018 and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a long-standing history of natural resource stewardship, and it is critically important now more than ever that we renew our commitment to protecting and appreciating these valuable resources; and

WHEREAS; 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 state programs; and

WHEREAS; the economic impact of outdoor recreation in Wisconsin is estimated at approximately \$19 billion and supports 168,000 direct jobs; 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, water access points, boat landings, and park enhancements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 1st day of June 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETT Secretary of State