

Proclamation

WHEREAS, from the Four Corners to the Rocky Mountains, Colorado is blessed with outstanding opportunities for sage and healthy fun in Great Outdoors enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, our kids today spend an average of 10 hours a day in front of screen and in 2015 Colorado helped introduce its youth to their great outdoors and all the healthy, active outdoor fun it offers through events such as Capital Campouts and more; and

WHEREAS, diverse Great Outdoors Month® events including National Trails Day®, National Get Outdoors Day, The Great Outdoors Month® National Day of Service, the Great American Campout®, Kids to Parks™ Day, and more help connect citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and other events during Great Outdoors Month® such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day and Get Into Your Sanctuary Days provide all of us, especially our children, with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our state; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both large and growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures, and in our state, where it is estimated at \$20.02 billion and supports some 185,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's 42 state parks, 13 national park units, 11 national forests and more attract millions of visitors per year and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

WHEREAS, many of our important cultural and historic events and traditions are linked to places in our state which are parts of national, state and local park systems; and

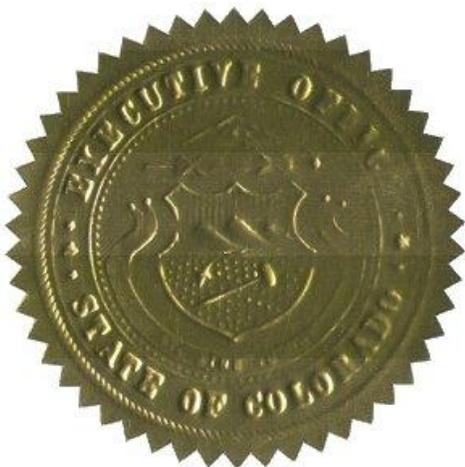
WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month® allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists which makes outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds new and needed features such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

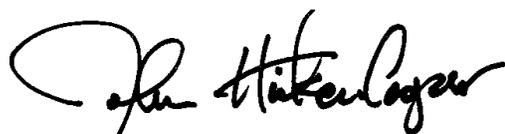
THEREFORE, I, John Hickenlooper as Governor of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as Great Outdoors Month® in Colorado and urge all citizens and visitors from other states and countries to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Colorado's Great Outdoors.

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH®

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this sixth day of June, 2016*




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor