

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, including clean air and water, miles of pristine shoreline, rolling hills, mountains, and pastureland, offering outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the great outdoors; and
- WHEREAS,** with activities including biking, swimming, hiking, boating, fishing, and hunting, outdoor recreation promotes health, fitness, and environmental awareness while providing an ideal way to exercise and create memorable experiences with loved ones; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's 47 state parks, 6 national park units, 3 national forests, and numerous local parks attract millions of visitors each year and reflect every facet of the Palmetto State's rich natural resources and cultural history; and
- WHEREAS,** the economic impact of outdoor recreation, estimated at more than \$20 billion, is both large and growing; and
- WHEREAS,** Great Outdoors Month provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the benefits of active fun outdoors and the magnificent shared resources of our parks, forests, refuges, and other public lands and waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take time to enjoy the Palmetto State's natural beauty and make outdoor activities a part of their everyday lives.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA