



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

## **The American Recreation Coalition and State Department of Land and Natural Resources**

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i provides outstanding opportunities to enjoy the Great Outdoors from the mountains to the sea with resources found nowhere else in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, year-round outdoor recreation, such as swimming, hiking, biking, paddling, surfing, fishing, hunting, boating and jogging, provides physical, mental and educational benefits for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, enjoyment of the Great Outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our *'āina* (land), water, air and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, recreational users are among the most active volunteers in Hawai'i, working on trails, cleaning our beaches and ocean, restoring native forests and wildlife habitat, caring for our cultural and historical sites and organizing programs to share the Great Outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, outdoor recreation is not only a large contributor to the economy but also growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures, and in Hawai'i it is estimated that we spend \$8.5 billion on outdoor recreation, which supports 89,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month celebrates the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, and the recreation and tourism industries to promote recreational opportunities and make them available to all residents and visitors;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June, 2015 as**

## **“GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join in this observance.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-second day of May, 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i