

Proclamation
In Recognition of
Great Outdoors Month

WHEREAS, ranging from Kaua'i's iconic cliffs along the Napali Coast State Wilderness Park, to the world renowned beaches and surf of Oahu's North Shore, to the erupting and spectacular Halemaumau Crater in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai'i is blessed with outstanding and globally unique resource opportunities for safe, healthy, and inspirational recreation in the great outdoors for residents or visitors, either solo or in the company of friends and family; and

WHEREAS, children today may spend several hours a day in front of a screen, and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy to the adverse effects caused by this increasing inactivity; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both large and growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures; and in our state, it is estimated at \$8.5 billion and supports some 89,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Aloha State's 49 state parks, seven national parks and other natural and cultural sites attract millions of visitors per year and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and our host culture's history; and

WHEREAS, enjoyment of our great outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve, manage and protect our open space, parks, trails, beaches, natural areas, watersheds, wildlife, ocean and marine resources, and contribute to conservation efforts through existing and various licenses, taxes and fees and attempts to obtain new sources of sustainable funding; and

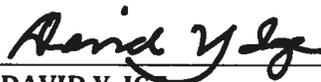
WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries, and recreationists that makes outdoor recreation opportunities available, and recognizes new and needed park and trail features through federal programs such as the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as

"GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and urge all citizens of the Aloha State and visitors from other states and countries to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Hawai'i's great outdoors.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this thirty-first day of May 2016.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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