

Proclamation
In Recognition of
Great Outdoors Month

WHEREAS, from the heights of Mauna Kea to the North Shore beaches, Hawai'i is blessed with abundant opportunities for people to *Escape the Indoors* by participating in safe and healthy fun; and

WHEREAS, outdoor activity results in healthful, social and economic benefits as opposed to the adverse effects of physical inactivity; and

WHEREAS, summer is the time to explore the outdoors and connect with nature, a time to enjoy surfing, paddling, fishing, camping, picnicking, hiking, biking and other fun activities with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, many outdoor activities would be impossible without proper stewardship of our parks and resources; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's State Parks Interpretive Program protects, preserves and interprets Hawai'i's natural and cultural history, presenting an outdoor learning experience for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, according to the Outdoor Industry Association, the economic impact of outdoor recreation accounts for \$7.8 billion in consumer spending and directly supports some 68,000 jobs in our state; and

WHEREAS, enjoyment of the great outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, water, wildlife and 'āina and contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes and fees; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month® allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, and recognize the recreation and tourism industries that make outdoor recreation opportunities available; and

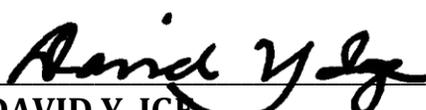
WHEREAS, everyone can benefit through new and needed programs such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as

“GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and urge all citizens of our Aloha State and visitors from other states and countries to *Escape the Indoors* by exploring, enjoying, protecting and conserving Hawai'i's great outdoors.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of May 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i