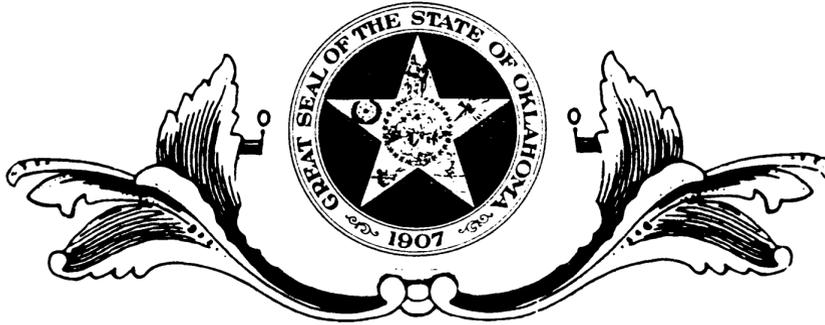


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

## STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, Oklahoma is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the great outdoors enjoying our natural splendors with family and friends; and

**Whereas**, children spend too much time each day in front of a screen; plenty of outdoor activity will offset the adverse effects caused by our increasing inactivity; and

**Whereas**, activities such as biking, swimming, hiking, paddling, fishing, boating and many more help us and our children enjoy the physically and mentally healthful and educational benefits of outdoor recreation; and

**Whereas**, enjoyment of our great outdoors allows us to celebrate our commitment to conserve and protect our air, water, wildlife and land and contribute to conservation efforts through various taxes and fees; and

**Whereas**, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is large and growing in our state; exceeding an estimated \$11.9 billion in annual expenditures and supporting around 135,000 jobs; 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**, it is fitting to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies and the recreation and tourism industries and the addition of features such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2015, as

**“Great Outdoors Month”**

in the state of Oklahoma and urge everyone to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Oklahoma’s great outdoors.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



ATTEST:

*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.*

*Ch. Benge*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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