



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

WHEREAS, during Great Outdoors Month, we celebrate the rich blessings of our state's natural beauty, and we renew our commitment to protecting our environment so that we can leave our children and grandchildren a healthy and flourishing land; and

WHEREAS, this month is also a month to pay tribute to those whose hard work and dedication keep Florida's 12 million acres of public land, which includes 825 miles of sandy beaches, 161 state parks, and 159 wildlife management areas, beautiful and accessible to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, generations of Florida residents and visitors are provided with the opportunity to learn about the wonders of our state's landscapes through recreational activities such as fishing, biking, boating, and nature walking; and

WHEREAS, experiencing our state's natural splendor contributes to healthier lives for our citizens and a deeper appreciation for the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, it is important to restore, improve, and protect our millions of acres of wetlands and enhance our parks and wildlife refuges; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month will encourage cooperative conservation and new technologies to help ensure America's outdoors remain places where families and friends can learn, exercise, and create meaningful memories;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 2014 as *Great Outdoors Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 6th day of May, in the year two thousand fourteen.


Governor