



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Great Outdoors Month

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month reminds us that Hawai'i enjoys outstanding opportunities to enjoy the Great Outdoors and experience unique landscapes, ocean waters, and flora and fauna that exist nowhere else in the world; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month highlights that year-round swimming, hiking, biking, paddling, surfing, fishing, hunting, boating and jogging have physical and mental health benefits for our people; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our 'aina, including the water, air, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month celebrates those recreational users who are among the most active volunteers in Hawai'i, maintaining trails, restoring native forests and wildlife habitat, revitalizing near shore reef habitat and marine life, caring for our cultural and historical sites, and organizing programs to share the Great Outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month recognizes the economic impact in Hawai'i where \$6.7 billion is spent on outdoor recreation and where outdoor recreation supports 65,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month reconfirms 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June, 2013, as

"GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing our State's commitments to protecting our outdoor spaces and celebrating all that they have to offer.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of May, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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