



# *Proclamation* *Presented*

## **In Recognition of Great Outdoors Month**

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

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month highlights that year-round outdoor recreation such as swimming, hiking, biking, paddling, surfing, fishing, hunting, boating and jogging provide 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 it is estimated that we spend \$8.5 billion on outdoor recreation which supports 65,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month celebrates 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, 2014, 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 thirtieth day of May, 2013.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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