



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Great Outdoors Month

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month recognizes that the Hawaiian Islands offer a diversity of natural environments from the mountains to the sea; including volcanic landscapes, pristine ocean waters, and forests with native flora and fauna that exists nowhere else in the world: and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month reminds us that Hawai'i's outdoor recreational opportunities offer a unique and special experience for both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month reminds us that Hawai'i's tropical climate promotes year-round outdoor recreation, including boating, fishing, picnicking, camping, hiking, and hunting; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month acknowledges that approximately a third of the State's land is set aside as parks, forest reserves, and recreational areas for the enjoyment of the public; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month recognizes that our State Park System operates over 50 parks statewide, hosts an estimated ten million park users annually, and provides places for all to explore and discover Hawai'i's great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month acknowledges the efforts of the Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources, various non-profit organizations, and private entities nationwide in working together to strengthen our connection to the outdoors and in encouraging the proper stewardship of public lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2012, as

"GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing our State's commitment 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-first day of May, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i