



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is blessed with an abundance of opportunities for its citizens to escape the indoors by participating in safe and healthy fun in the great outdoors in the company of family and friends, old and new alike; and
- WHEREAS:** Kids today spend an average of ten hours a day in front of a screen. Programs such as "Read Across Georgia" seek to transform that trend by connecting Georgia's youth with healthy outdoor activities; and
- WHEREAS:** The economic impact of outdoor recreation is large and growing nationally, producing \$73.4 billion in gross output. In Georgia alone, outdoor recreation directly supports about 238,000 jobs and is responsible for \$27.3 billion in consumer spending; and
- WHEREAS:** State parks and national park units in the State of Georgia attract millions of visitors per year and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and
- WHEREAS:** Enjoyment of the great outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, water, wildlife, and lands; and
- WHEREAS:** Great Outdoors Month allows Georgians and visitors from other states and countries to celebrate the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies with the recreation and tourism industries by exploring, protecting, and conserving Georgia's great outdoors; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF