

Proclamation

The state of Hawai‘i is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty. Our residents live amid many wonders of nature from the slopes of Mauna Kea to the cliffs of Moloka‘i and countless other parks, forests and beaches. By spending time outdoors, we celebrate the magnificent landscapes that surround us.

As stewards of our environment, we are responsible for the future of our natural resources. Our Administration seeks innovative solutions to the challenges facing the environment, and we encourage all residents to enjoy nature while recognizing the environmental and economic benefits of sustaining it. With 53 state parks encompassing nearly 25,000 acres across our five major islands, the diversity of outdoor recreation options in Hawai‘i is what makes our state a place unlike anywhere else on Earth for residents and visitors alike.

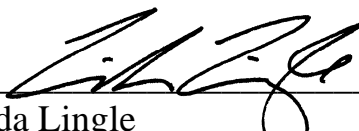
The Hawai‘i Outdoor Recreation Program offers a diversity of coastal and wildland recreation experiences, including picnicking, camping, swimming, snorkeling, fishing, sightseeing, hiking and backpacking. To help promote and celebrate spending time outdoors, as well as to renew our commitment to conserve water and land, we encourage families to observe June as Great Outdoors Month. By participating in outdoor activities, we help to increase physical fitness and the overall health of our keiki, improve our own quality of life and appreciate and understand the necessity of preservation.

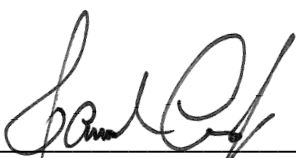
THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **June 2009**, as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in Hawai‘i, and encourage our residents to appreciate the natural beauty of our islands and remember the importance of helping to preserve our environment for future generations.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this third day of June 2009.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i


James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i