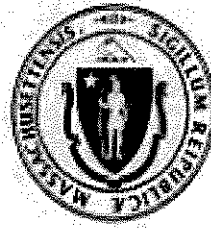


THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



A PROCLAMATION



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

GOVERNOR DEVAL L. PATRICK

Whereas From the Berkshire Mountains to the sandy dunes of Cape Cod, from the mighty Merrimack River to the beauty of the Emerald Necklace, Massachusetts has a proud legacy of parks, trails and public lands throughout the Commonwealth; and

Whereas A clean and sustainable environment, maintained by protecting these natural resources, contributes to our quality of life; and

Whereas Biking, swimming, hiking, and other outdoor recreation promotes fitness and a healthy lifestyle; and

Whereas As June marks the beginning of the summer recreation and vacation season, it is important that all citizens are reminded of our shared responsibility to protect, enhance and utilize, responsibly and sustainably, the natural resources of the Commonwealth for present and future generations,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 2007, to be

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirtieth.

By His Excellency

Handwritten signature of Deval L. Patrick.

DEVAL L. PATRICK
Governor of the Commonwealth

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth