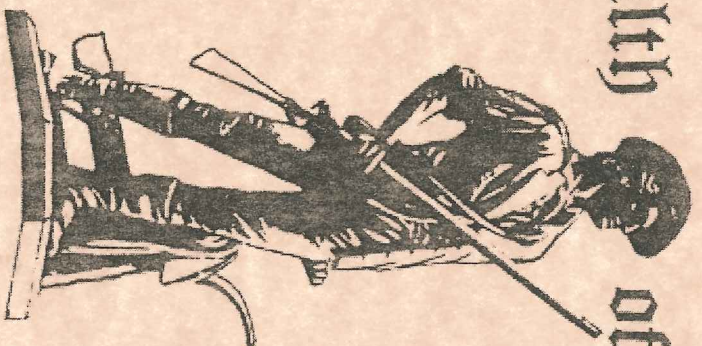


# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is steward to over 450,000 acres of protected land, stretching from the picturesque Boston Harbor Islands through the rolling farmland of the Connecticut River Valley to the majesty of Mount Greylock and the beauty of the Great Blue Hills; and
- Whereas** From celebrations on the Esplanade, to the birthplace of the conservation movement at Walden Pond State Reservation, to the historic Plymouth Rock at Pilgrim Memorial State Park, Massachusetts has a proud legacy of parks, trails, beaches, campgrounds and forests throughout the Commonwealth; and
- Whereas** Everyone has a role to play in preserving and enhancing our shared wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources on our public lands and they play a role in contributing to our quality of life; and
- Whereas** Recreational activities such as biking, swimming, hiking, boating, camping and other outdoor activities can promote healthy lifestyles and quiet time in nature can contribute to our mental and spiritual well-being; and
- Whereas** The Department of Conservation and Recreation will connect people with nature through its Park Passport Program, Recreational Activity Maps, Healthy Heart Trails, as well as offer other programs that highlight the natural, cultural and recreational resources of our state park system,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 2014, to be,

## GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

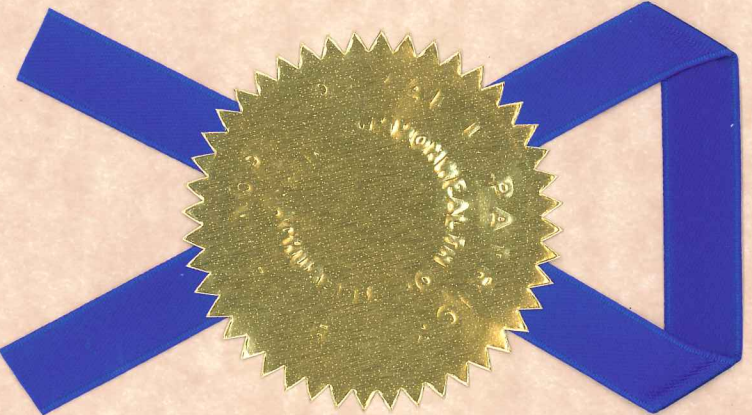
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fifteenth day of May, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts