Proclamation

***WHEREAS,*** *INSERT state name* State Parks were created in *INSERT year* and are passed down as a legacy for current and future generations to provide access to the outdoors and our beautiful landscapes – *INSERT landscape features such as* *the forests, mountains, coulee canyons, deserts, rivers, lakes, ocean beaches* - and access to these state park lands and waters is an important part of the quality of life for all *INSERT state residents*; and

***WHEREAS,*** *INSERT state name* State Parks encompasses # parks that includes # acres and # miles of trails, # historical sites and structures that are dear and cherished places hosting over # visits per year; and

***WHEREAS,*** *INSERT state name* State Parks significantly support our state's economy by providing cultural, recreational and tourism opportunities; and

***WHEREAS,*** *INSERT state name* State Parks provides the public with places and facilities to engage in healthy physical activities along with finding places for peace, rest and connecting with family and friends that are essential for mental well-being; and

***WHEREAS,*** the *I Love My INSERT state name* *State Parks Week* campaign is working to connect *INSERT state residents* with activities and opportunities to: share their cherished memories of past times at state parks, communicate appreciation for the staff, volunteers and private donors who strive to improve and maintain state parks, create awareness about history, natural resources, and facilities to camp, hike and engage in healthy lifestyles at state parks, and to inspire *INSERT state residents* to act to protect, steward and support the *INSERT state name* State Parks;

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** I, *INSERT* name of official, Governor of the state of *INSERT state name*, do herby proclaim May 14 through May 22, 2023 as

***I Love My*** *INSERT state name* ***State Parks Week***

in *INSERT state name*, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this \_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2023