



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's system of public lands include parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, community gardens, and other landmarks throughout the state that individually and collectively represent our shared, irreplaceable natural resources; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and
- WHEREAS: Shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation, and active support of citizens of all ages, communities, local and state officials, and business leaders; and
- WHEREAS: Recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and
- WHEREAS: Collaboration among state and local residents, land managers, and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and
- WHEREAS: National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day, volunteer effort for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation; and
- WHEREAS: State and city park systems throughout the nation join with federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service to deliver an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly held lands throughout Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 24, 2016, as:

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22nd day of September.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR