



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's system of public lands includes approximately 3.4 million acres of federally-managed lands; more than 130 state park and recreation sites with unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, and gardens; and other landmark areas throughout the state, which individually and collectively represent irreplaceable natural resources; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's public lands provide accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's public lands promote civic ideals, which include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS: An alliance between private citizens, land managers, and community leaders improves the condition of publicly-held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS: The annual National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, and the USDA Forest Service, has become an anticipated event, with local participation on publicly-held lands in the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2012 as:

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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 28th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE