

Proclamation

By

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

AS

“NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY”

IN BALTIMORE

WHEREAS, America’s system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens, and other landmark areas throughout the nation that are irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally-accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; they 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, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-1944) gave our nation a magnificent legacy of stewardship of our treasured natural resources that is being passed to younger generations; 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 Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, now celebrating its 23rd Anniversary, is the nation’s largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. City park systems throughout the nation join with many federal agencies to deliver an annually anticipated celebration for publicly held lands in Baltimore.

THEREFORE, I, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, as “NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY” in Baltimore, and do urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of September, two thousand fifteen.



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

Mayor