

# PROCLAMATION

Philadelphia, the historic city founded by the visionary William Penn as a “greene country towne,” was designed on a grid pattern separated by orchards and green public squares. Penn recognized the importance of green spaces and parks in maintaining the quality of city life. Today, the City of Philadelphia’s efforts to sustain a “green” city is reflected in the preservation initiatives for Penn’s original five public squares; in Fairmount Park—one of the country’s largest urban parks—and in the numerous community gardens and city recreation areas.

National Public Lands Day is a program of the National Environmental Education Foundation created as a public/private partnership to attract volunteers of all ages to give their time to restoring and enhancing America’s federal, state, and local public lands. 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 all serve as federal agency partners.

This year, National Public Lands Day is celebrating its 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary as the nation’s largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. An estimated 18 million dollars in volunteer services will be completed as a result of this effort, taking place at over 2,000 public land locations nationwide.

Shared stewardship of public lands requires the goodwill, cooperation, and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, and business leaders. Public lands promote civic ideals and improve the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans.

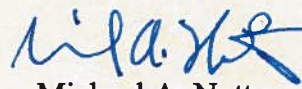
On September 26, 2015 Philadelphia joins cities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and many U.S. territories by taking part in this volunteer-driven effort to restore, enhance, and preserve public lands.

## THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 26, 2015 to be

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in Philadelphia and urge all citizens to be aware of the importance of public lands as natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation while encouraging all Philadelphians to participate in this special observance to improve and enhance our City’s treasured public lands.

  
Michael A. Nutter  
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal  
of the City of Philadelphia on this  
twenty-sixth day of September,  
two thousand and fifteen

