

# *A Proclamation*

## ***National Public Lands Day*** *September 26, 2015*

*WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers and community gardens throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent our shared irreplaceable national resources; and*

*WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; requiring the goodwill, cooperation and active support of community members, government officials and business leaders; and*

*WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents; and recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle, reducing the incidence of childhood obesity; and*

*WHEREAS, Pittsburgh's city park systems joins with federal agencies such as The Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deliver an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly held lands in Pittsburgh.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that I, William Peduto, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, do hereby declare September 26, 2015 "***National Public Lands Day***" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.



A blue ink signature of William Peduto.

WILLIAM PEDUTO  
*Mayor*