WHEREAS, our system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, community gardens, and other landmarks throughout the state and country that represent our shared irreplaceable resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, 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, community, local and state officials, business leaders, youth, and adults; and

WHEREAS, recreation opportuniues offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Coloradan and Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and

WHEREAS, a 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 Coloradans and Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day is the country’s largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands and is coordinated by Federal, State and City Park systems to deliver a celebration for local participation on publicly held lands in this great State of Colorado.

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, September 26, 2015, as

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in the State of Colorado

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-sixth day of August, 2015

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor