



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, America's 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 nation that individually and collectively represent our shared irreplaceable national 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 opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead active lifestyles; and

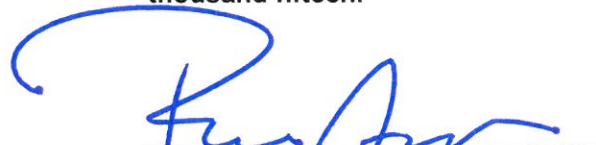
WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents and encourage Americans to actively utilize their public lands; and

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 Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 26, 2015, as *National Public Lands Day in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of September, in the year two thousand fifteen.



Governor