



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Minnesota's system of public lands consist of approximately 3.4 million acres of federally-managed lands, including: more than 130 state park and recreation sites; 150 scientific and natural areas; 1,500 wildlife management areas; and 4.2 million acres of state forest land with unique landscapes, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, and gardens; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota's public lands provide accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota's public lands promote civic ideals with shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; 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 Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS:

The Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service, serve as federal agency partners; and

WHEREAS:

The annual National Public Lands Day has become an anticipated event with local participation on publicly-held lands in the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 26, 2015, as:

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE