Office of the Mayor
City of Saint Louis

Proclamation

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 natural 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, recreational opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day is our nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands; a day in which city park systems throughout the country join with federal agencies such as 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 to celebrate the publicly held lands that enrich the lives of all Americans.

Now, therefore, I, Francis G. Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, as "PUBLIC LANDS DAY" in the CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 26th day of September, A.D. 2015.

[Signature]
Mayor of the City of Saint Louis