



STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

America's system of public lands includes state parks, state recreation areas, wildlife management areas, public trails, state historical parks, natural streams and wetlands throughout Nebraska and the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable natural resources; and

WHEREAS,

State parks and recreation areas provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental education, watchable wildlife opportunities, and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS,

State parks and recreation areas provide a unique opportunity for Nebraska's citizens and land managers to work together to ensure sound land stewardship and ensure enjoyment of public lands for all Americans; and

WHEREAS,

National Public Lands Day encourages volunteerism by all Nebraskans, including citizens, communities, local and state officials, business leaders, youth and adults; and

WHEREAS,

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission recognizes the National Public Lands Day goal of engaging Americans to volunteer to benefit public land areas while providing them opportunities for outdoor recreation, learn about their natural resources and develop a strong sense of place and land stewardship; and

WHEREAS,

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission aims to encourage its individual state parks and state recreation areas to participate in National Public Lands Day by registering projects across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** the 26th day of September, 2015 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.



Attest:

Cheryl D. Hales
Secretary of State

Pete Ricketts
GOVERNOR