



State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA A 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 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 an active lifestyle; and

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

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation. 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 serve as federal agency partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, as "NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.




PAT McCRORY
Governor