

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

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 landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent 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, city and state officials, business leaders, children, and adults; and,

Whereas, Recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and help reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; 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, and state and city park systems throughout the nation join the 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 deliver an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly held lands in this great state of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, as

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State