



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

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 that represent our shared irreplaceable national resources.

Public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation and promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership. These principles require the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, local and state officials and business leaders.

A collaboration among residents, land managers and community leaders also improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans. Recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity. While land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent public lands from being actively utilized.

Public lands are an invaluable part of our state, and we all have a hand in protecting them. I encourage citizens not only to enjoy the public lands in our great state, but to take initiative to promote their viability for years to come.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, to be

Public Lands Day

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
16th day of September, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas

