



# Proclamation

## National Public Lands Day

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams, 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. They also promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership, and shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, local and state officials, business leaders, youth and adults; and,

WHEREAS, **National Public Lands Day** will be observed on September 27, 2014, and is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. The National Environmental Education Foundation works with city park systems, 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 Houston; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Houston commends the National Environmental Education Foundation and others for their commitment to preserving our nation's public lands and extends best wishes for a successful observance.

THEREFORE, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, as

## National Public Lands Day

in Houston, Texas.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



Annise D. Parker  
Mayor of the City of Houston

