

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the national Environmental Education Foundation seeks to enhance and improve America's system of public lands through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers in at least eight sites around Wisconsin on National Public Lands Day – Saturday, September 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin'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 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 promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and 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 Wisconsinites;

NOW, *THEFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 26, 2015, as

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

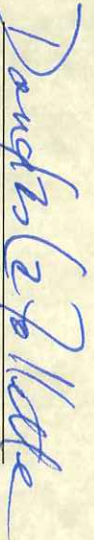
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great
Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.
Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison
this 26th day of August 2015.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State