Proclamation

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort to help restore and enhance our state and local public lands; and

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Education Foundation coordinates National Public Lands Day along with many local, state and federal land management agencies; and

WHEREAS, public lands include parks, landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams, wetlands, nature centers, community gardens and other landmarks throughout the nation that represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents and work to break down barriers that prevent us from actively using our public lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015 in Washington, DC as "PUBLIC LANDS DAY".

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