

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams, nature centers, gardens and other landmarks that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; 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, local and state officials, business leaders, youth and adults; 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, 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. State and city park systems throughout the nation join with federal agencies to deliver an annual celebration for local participation on publicly held lands throughout Indiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016 as

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 12th
day of August in the year of our
Lord 2016 and of the Independence
of the United States 241.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael R. Pence