



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's system of public lands include outstanding landscapes that are preserved for everyone's enjoyment, including deep forests, glades, prairies and blue streams and lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for historic education, environmental interpretation, wildlife appreciation, and outdoor recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, recreation opportunities offered by public lands help Missouri families lead a more active lifestyle and encourage youth to enjoy and explore the outdoors; 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 Missourians.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016, to be

### **PUBLIC LANDS DAY IN MISSOURI**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

  
John S. Swasey  
Secretary of State