



# State of North Carolina

**PAT McCRORY**  
GOVERNOR

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

2016

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, America'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 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; 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

**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 Americans; 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. 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 also serve as federal agency partners;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016, as "NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.



  
PAT McCRORY  
Governor