Recognize and perpetuate in this special observance the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's two hundred and fifty-four days of service and dedication to the communities that make up the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its workforce, and its residents. Therefore, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 24th, 2016, as Pennsylvania Public Lands Day.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's public lands are a valuable and integral part of the Commonwealth's natural resources, and their preservation is essential to the health and well-being of the people of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's public lands provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, and educational and research purposes;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's public lands are a critical component of the Commonwealth's natural heritage and a valuable asset for future generations;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's public lands are a valuable resource for local governments, businesses, and organizations to use for educational and recreational purposes;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's public lands are a valuable resource for the Commonwealth's economy, providing jobs and income for local communities;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's public lands are a valuable resource for the Commonwealth's environment, providing habitat for wildlife and maintaining water quality;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's public lands are a valuable resource for the Commonwealth's history, providing sites for cultural and historical education; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's public lands are a valuable resource for the Commonwealth's future, providing opportunities for new generations to enjoy and appreciate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 24th, 2016, as Pennsylvania Public Lands Day.

Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
September 24, 2016

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