



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

## Declaration

Whereas, Utah's public lands feature some of the most spectacular and varied landscapes in the world, providing locally accessible natural and cultural resources to residents and visitors with tremendous opportunities for recreation, wildlife observation, environmental learning, nature exploration, scientific study of the past and present, and natural resources for economic activities;

Whereas, management of public lands necessitates shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership, and requires the goodwill, cooperation, and active support of Utah residents, as well as federal, state, and local officials, and community and business leaders in order to improve the condition of publicly held lands;

Whereas, the State of Utah joins in observing the National Public Lands Day, with the aim of educating Utahns about the environment and natural resources, and helping improve and restore public lands with volunteers assisting land managers to maintain trails, eradicate invasive plants, remove trash, and repair or build facilities; and

Whereas, Public Lands Day is the largest, single-day volunteer effort in the nation, we encourage all Utah residents to participate in volunteer activities to preserve and protect our precious heritage of public lands;

And, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare  
September 24, 2016, as

Public Lands Day in Utah

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