

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands, which includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, community gardens, and other landmarks, are our shared irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally-accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation, and 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 the public, community, local and state officials, business leaders, and youth and adults; and recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; 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, 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; state and city park systems throughout the nation join with federal agencies to deliver an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly-held lands in this great state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016 as the

23rd Annual National Public Lands Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 29th day of July, 2016


Governor Jay Inslee

