

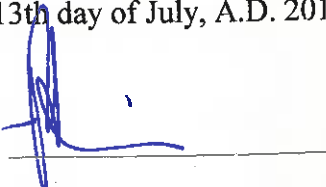
**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent 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, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** assisting land managers improves public lands for outdoor recreation, provides families and individuals with an opportunity to lead a more active lifestyle and reduces the incidence of childhood obesity; and
- WHEREAS,** an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans;
- 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 such as 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 to deliver an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly held lands in this great State of Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016 as

**PUBLIC LANDS DAY  
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 13th day of July, A.D. 2016.



Peter Shumlin  
Governor

