SEPTMBER 24, 2016 — NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY in Maryland. The statement of the governor of the state of Maryland to the people of Maryland:

NOW THEREFORE, I, LARRY M. HOGEN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM:

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland values our public lands, including those that are preserved by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, for their natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and economic contributions to our communities;

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland recognizes the importance of public lands for the health and well-being of all Marylanders; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland encourages citizens to visit and enjoy our public lands.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LARRY M. HOGEN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 24, 2016, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY in Maryland.