

Proclamation National Public Lands Day

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, recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families lead a more active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

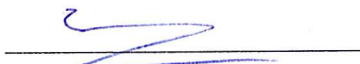
WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands by urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively using their public lands; and

WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, and managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

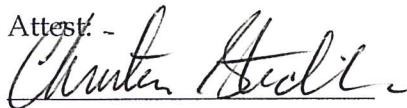
WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA Forest Service, has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in Florida and Lake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pat Kelley, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016 as National Public Lands Day and call upon the people of the City of Minneola and Lake County to recognize and participate in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Minneola, Florida to be affixed this 6th day of September.


Pat Kelley, Mayor

Attest -



Christina Stidham, City Clerk

