

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, community gardens, and other landmarks that individually and collectively represent our shared, 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, communities, local and state officials, business leaders, youth, and adults; and

WHEREAS, The recreational 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, A collaboration among residents, land managers, and community leaders improves the condition of publically held lands for the enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, **National Public Lands Day** is the largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in conjunction with state and city park systems and many federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and United States Forest Service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 24, 2016**, as **NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY** in New Hampshire and encourage the people of New Hampshire to recognize and participate in the celebration of our publicly held lands.

Given this 19th day of September, in the year of
Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the
independence of the United States of America,
two hundred and forty-one.

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