



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A 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. Public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership. 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. Land conservation efforts improve access to public lands by urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing these natural resources; and
- WHEREAS: National Public Lands Day is the largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation. The Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service serve as national partners. The event has become an anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in the State of Georgia.
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, as PUBLIC LANDS DAY in Georgia, and call upon the people of Georgia to recognize and participate in this special observance.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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