



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's system of public lands includes approximately 3.4 million acres of federally managed lands and over 130 state park and recreation sites with 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: Minnesota's public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; 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 Minnesota's residents; 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 this great State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2011 as:

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 7TH day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE