



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota has an abundance of unique and spectacular public lands that play a vital role in the state’s environmental stewardship, identity, and economy; and
- WHEREAS: State park and recreation areas, wildlife and aquatic management areas, scientific and natural areas, and state forests offer diverse outdoor recreation experiences that enrich lives and offer countless opportunities to connect with the natural world; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota’s beloved public lands support the state’s \$13.9 billion outdoor recreation industry and nearly 99,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS: Public lands are essential to mitigating the impacts of climate change, providing clean water and air, conserving habitat for pollinators and other wildlife, and protecting rare plants, animals, and geologic features; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources works closely with Tribal, local, state, and federal governments, nongovernmental partners, and more than 14,500 volunteers to collectively steward, manage, protect and conserve public lands for current and future generations; and
- WHEREAS: In 2025, the Walz-Flanagan Administration oversaw the state’s largest land acquisition in recent history, permanently protecting 16,000 acres of forested land, securing a broad range of habitat and water; and
- WHEREAS: The Walz-Flanagan Administration increased visitors to Minnesota State Parks by nearly 20% and supported accessibility initiatives that ensure public lands access and modern, inclusive outdoor recreation experiences are available to all; and
- WHEREAS: Public Lands Day is the largest single-day volunteer event for public lands in the United States, increasing accessibility to communities nationwide through service and celebration; and
- WHEREAS: Public Lands Day is an opportunity to give back, build community, and enjoy the public lands that support our health, environment, and well-being.

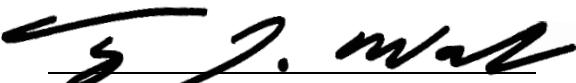
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2026, as:

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 21st day of September.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE