



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Public Lands Day is the largest single-day volunteer event for public lands in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota’s unique and spectacular public lands – from rolling prairies, to oak savanna, to coniferous forests and more – are deeply intertwined with the state’s identity and history; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota’s public lands base consists of lands managed by Tribal, local, state, and federal governments, including 5.6 million acres managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and

WHEREAS: State parks and recreation areas, wildlife and aquatic management areas, scientific and natural areas, and state forests offer diverse outdoor recreation experiences that enrich the lives of people who live in and visit Minnesota, offering countless opportunities to connect with the natural world; and

WHEREAS: State lands support Minnesota’s \$13.5 billion outdoor recreation industry and nearly 96,000 jobs for people in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The state’s 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 DNR 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 27, 2025, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE