



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's system of public lands includes approximately 3.4 million acres of federally-managed lands, including: more than 130 state park and recreation sites; 150 scientific and natural areas; 1,500 wildlife management areas; and 4.2 million acres of state forest land with unique landscapes, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, and gardens; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's public lands provide accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's public lands promote civic ideals, including 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 residents; and
- WHEREAS: National Public Lands Day, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation, is celebrating its 20th Anniversary; and
- WHEREAS: The Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service, serve as federal agency partners; and
- WHEREAS: The annual National Public Lands Day has become an anticipated event, with local participation on publicly-held lands in the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 28, 2013, 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 25th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE