

STATE of MINNESOTA

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| WHEREAS: | America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens, and other landmark areas that represent our irreplaceable natural resources; and |
| WHEREAS: | Public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and |
| WHEREAS: | Public lands promote civic ideals such as shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership, which require the goodwill, cooperation, and active support of citizens, business leaders, and city and state officials; and |
| WHEREAS: | Land managers improve public lands for outdoor recreation, providing Americans with an opportunity to engage in regular physical activity; and |
| WHEREAS: | Land conservation builds awareness among urban dwellers with concerns about planned development, shared land use, preservation of wild areas and natural habitats, and the benefits realized by diligent restoration and enhancement efforts; 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 Americans; 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 National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the USDA Forest Service, has become an anticipated annual event for local participation in improving and enhancing publicly held lands in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 25, 2010, as:

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

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 24th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-second.

GOVERNOR

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