



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, community gardens, and other landmarks throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent our shared irreplaceable 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, including shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation, and active support of citizens; community, local, and state officials; business leaders; youth; and adults; and

WHEREAS, recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle, and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents, and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and

WHEREAS, a collaboration among state and local residents, 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 is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands, and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation; State and City Park systems throughout the nation join with federal agencies such as The Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and United States Forest Service to deliver an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly held lands in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2017, as the "24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.