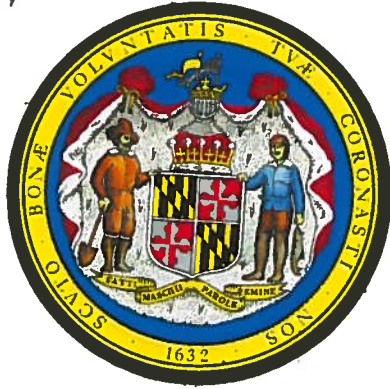


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

- WHEREAS,** *America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmarks throughout Maryland and the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Public lands provide access to natural, historical, and cultural resources for recreation, learning, and wildlife appreciation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Outdoor recreation opportunities offered by public lands help promote a more active lifestyle and provide numerous economic and health benefits; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Land conservation efforts improve access to public lands and rely on shared stewardship and collaboration in the community to retain the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and*
- WHEREAS,** *National Public Lands Day is one of the largest, single-day national volunteer efforts for public lands and brings people together to celebrate and care for publicly held lands in Maryland and across the nation.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 as NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given *Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,*
this 25th day of September
Two Thousand and twenty-one

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State