



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PUBLIC LANDS DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's system of public lands includes approximately 2.2 million acres of federally managed land and 700,000 acres of state school land, as well as 28 state parks, recreation areas and nature preserves with more than 14,000 acres, 223 wildlife management areas encompassing nearly 200,000 acres and 12,900 acres of state forest, all with unique landscapes, natural streams and wetlands, ecosystems, cultural resources and landmarks; and

**WHEREAS**, public lands provide locally-accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation, and the opportunities offered by public lands support active, healthy lifestyles for North Dakotans, their families and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership, involving the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, local and state officials, business leaders, youth and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for all citizens and eliminate barriers that prevent Americans from actively enjoying their public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, National Public Lands Day is celebrated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in recognition of the value of public lands and to honor the relationships between local, state and federal stewards of public lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 22, 2018, **PUBLIC LANDS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State