

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OREGON



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Oregon's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, historic structures, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the state that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Public lands in Oregon provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation. Public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and
- WHEREAS:** Shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, and business leaders; 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 of these areas. An alliance between private citizens, land managers and corporate leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** National Public Lands Day, cosponsored by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Oregon Military Department, has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in this state.

NOW,

THEREFORE, I, John A. Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim September 28, 2002 to be

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in Oregon and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 29, 2002.

Handwritten signature of John A. Kitzhaber in black ink.

John A. Kitzhaber, Governor

Handwritten signature of Bill Bradbury in black ink.

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State

