

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 landmark areas that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day is an innovative, public/private partnership event that encourages volunteers of all ages to work together restoring and enhancing our federal, state, and local public lands; and

WHEREAS, people across South Carolina and the nation roll up their sleeves and head for the great outdoors in a cooperative effort to ensure the preservation of our public lands for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 observance of National Public Lands Day provides a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of land conservation and stewardship to our quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2009, as

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the benefits of land conservation, restoration, and enhancement.