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A R E S O L U T I O N

Recognizing September 26, 2015, as National Public Lands Day.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize National Public Lands Day on September 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, With seven federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and state, regional, and local governments participating in National Public Lands Day, the event has become the nation's largest single-day of volunteer effort for public lands. The goal of NPLD is to educate citizens about the environment and natural resources and the need for shared stewardship, to build partnerships between the local community and the public sector, and to improve public lands for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, First celebrated in 1994 at three sites and with seven hundred volunteers, National Public Lands Day has grown to include more than one hundred seventy-five thousand people at more than two thousand one hundred sites in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico in 2014. During last year's event, volunteers collected invasive plants, built and maintained trails, planted trees, shrubs, and other native plants, removed trash from trails, and contributed volunteer services to improve public lands across the country. In keeping the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, preserving and protecting America's natural heritage, the event's success is a justifiable source of pride and an

excellent reflection on all those associated with this memorable affair; and

WHEREAS, On the occasion of National Public Lands Day, it is, indeed, fitting that we pay tribute to the many people who have helped make this occasion possible, and their unwavering dedication to service and achievement is deserving of high praise. We are certain that this worthy event will continue in the tradition of excellence that has become its hallmark; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize National Public Lands Day 2015 and salute all those who have supported this endeavor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.