

Proclamation
National Public Lands Day
Village of Orland Park

- 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 throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and
- Whereas:** Public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and
- Whereas:** 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, business leaders, children and adults; and
- Whereas:** Recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families lead a more active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and
- Whereas:** Land conservation efforts improve access to public lands by urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and
- Whereas:** An alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and
- Whereas:** National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the USDA Forest Service has become an annually anticipated event.

Now, let it therefore be resolved that September 26, 2020 be proclaimed National Public Lands Day in Orland Park, IL.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2020

Signed: _____
Keith Pekau, Mayor