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WHEREAS, The fourth Saturday in September is celebrated annually as National Public Lands Day to highlight the relationship between people and nature in recognition of America's public lands, including local, state, and national parks, conservation areas, forests, wildlife refuges, nature preserves, grasslands, marine sanctuaries, lakes, and reservoirs; and

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WHEREAS, Founded by the National Environmental Education Foundation in 1994, National Public Lands Day will celebrate its 31st anniversary this year with the theme of "Together for Tomorrow" to foster environmental stewardship among people and communities in order to preserve and to protect public lands for future generations; and

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WHEREAS, Each year on National Public Lands Day, thousands of volunteers gather to give back to public lands through a variety of activities, such as maintaining trails, planting trees, partaking in beach cleanups, removing invasive plants, participating in research as citizen scientists, and more; others get involved by visiting public lands and engaging in hiking, picnicking, camping, educational activities, and other forms of outdoor recreation; and

1 WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day underscores the
2 importance nature, public lands, and outdoor activities and
3 recreation play in improving and maintaining our physical and
4 mental well-being; and

5 WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day provides a platform for
6 environmental and outdoor education, raising awareness about
7 conservation practices on public lands and the importance of
8 preserving natural resources; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we recognize September 28, 2024 as National Public Lands Day
12 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we urge all Illinoisans to celebrate the
14 benefits that our public lands have to offer and to
15 participate in activities to preserve and promote these
16 important resources for the future.