



## A Proclamation by the Governor

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's public lands are an outdoor enthusiast's paradise, featuring premier opportunities, historic treasures, and off-road adventures, as well as habitat for more than 300 native species living exclusively in Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's public lands feature a diverse array of landscapes, from sculpted desert sandstone to limestone cliffs with caves and fossils, and from colorful volcanic ranges to high peaks with ancient bristlecone pines and lush oases that stand in contrast to open sagebrush valleys; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's public lands protect vital pieces of our region's important cultural heritage, including historic treasures of civilizations that thrived in the region and whose descendants still protect their legacy, deserted mining settlements and contemporary works of art, more than 110,000 recognized historic and cultural resources, and 424 iconic buildings/archaeological sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's State Parks offer recreational opportunities and adventures for all – including camping, boating, fishing, hiking, exploring historic sites, and more than 50,000 miles of off-highway vehicle trails; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven Wildlife Management Areas totaling 120,000 acres have been established to enhance and protect wildlife habitats and welcome public hunting, fishing, and other recreation opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, blending conservation of Nevada's spectacular natural resources with sustainable recreation is key to promoting economic development, protecting the environment, and enhancing quality of life for Nevadans; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, Nevada established the Division of Outdoor Recreation, within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to promote outdoor recreation and tourism, support a vibrant and sustainable recreation economy, attract businesses, promote recreation's public health benefits, meet the needs of underserved regions and populations, and foster a new generation of public land stewards in all parts of Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, Governor Sisolak launched the State of Nevada Climate Initiative to move Nevada forward on climate action by developing innovative solutions that will protect Nevada and its natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's precious wildlands are more important than ever in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, when being able to escape to the outdoors is critical for our mental and physical health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevadans are urged to enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly by following all fire restrictions and 'leave no trace' practices, avoiding crowded destinations, and opting for low-risk outdoor activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Nevada support efforts to promote sustainable outdoor recreation and celebrate these irreplaceable natural and cultural treasures; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, September 26, 2020, Nevada State Parks fees, including entrance, camping (Saturday night), and boating, where applicable, will be waived at all state parks throughout Nevada;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim**  
September 26, 2020, as

### PUBLIC LANDS DAY IN NEVADA



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020

By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

*Barbara K. Coganke*  
Secretary of State

By *Scott M. Cochran*  
Deputy