



**State Of New York**  
**New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation**

## Commissioner Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2011 Allegany State Park will be a local site for people of all ages to participate in National Public Lands Day. NPLD educates Americans about critical environmental and natural resources and the need for unity to keep these beautiful parks valuable and irreplaceable. Many local volunteers come together on this day to improve the overall quality of the park so the public can enjoy Allegany to its fullest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegany State Park has been a National Public Lands Day site for the past six years and is looking for this year to be the most successful yet. In 2005, the first year, Allegany received volunteer help from 54 individuals accomplishing the completion of six projects. The projects varied from picking up litter throughout the park, raking and reseeding the lawn at the Administration building, removing graffiti from Stone Tower, and laying down wood chips at Thunder Rocks; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 eight projects were completed with help from 89 volunteers, an increase from the previous year. As a result of the hard work put forth in 2006 the Quaker Butterfly Garden was created which drew many visitors to the park. Other projects that year included cleaning up Camp 10, trimming Memorial Garden, building a fire pit at Naturalist Cabin, cleaning Quaker Store Museum, renovating the Red House bath house, Quaker Spillway cleanup, and lastly picking up litter throughout Allegany State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, 115 volunteers joined the Allegany State Park grounds crew in 2007 to improve the park for another year of NPLD. This resulted in eight projects being completed. The volunteers repaired, sanded, and sealed 25 picnic tables, weeded Memorial Garden, cleared debris away from the Historic Zoo site, and painted guardrails and benches throughout the park; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2008-10 the volunteer count has averaged 120. Painting Beehunter picnic shelter, planting numerous trees in the park, installing bat houses, cleaning up the Sweetwater Spring, cleaning the museum and weeding butterfly garden, painting cabins, landscaping and building a stone wall are only a few examples of many projects completed over the last two years.

**WHEREAS**, park volunteers are a vital and important part of our efforts to initiate and complete restoration projects to keep Allegany State Park beautiful so more people will be inspired to return to and appreciate their public lands in the future;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rose Harvey, Commissioner of New York State Parks and Recreation, do hereby recognize September 24, 2011, as

### National Public Lands Day

at Allegany State Park

  
Commissioner