

UNITED STATES
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NATIONAL GRASSLANDS WEEK
June 16–22, 2019

By the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the United States Department of Agriculture manages public grasslands to meet the needs of the American people; and

WHEREAS the management and use of our Nation's Grasslands for forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, recreation, and other benefits for people and the environment has grown increasingly important and complex; and

WHEREAS Federal-State partnerships support sustainable multiple use of our Nation's Grasslands to offer visitors an array of recreational experiences and to provide communities with enhanced economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture currently manages 20 National Grasslands in 13 States; and professional grassland managers, with the support of local communities, work hard on behalf of the American people to administer the Nation's Grasslands using sound, progressive principles of land conservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby proclaim June 16–22, 2019, as National Grasslands Week. I call upon the people of the United States to join me in celebrating the significance and precious legacy of America's National Grasslands with appropriate observances and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of June 2019, the two-hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.



SONNY PERDUE
Secretary