

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 671

Designating September 29, 2018, as “National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 10, 2018

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following  
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Wildlife Refuge Day”.

Whereas over 80 percent of people in the United States live  
in or near cities, which typically have limited opportuni-  
ties for residents to access nature and experience outdoor  
recreation;

Whereas the National Wildlife Refuge System under the  
United States Fish and Wildlife Service manages 566 na-  
tional wildlife refuges that constitute a national network  
of land and water managed for the conservation of fish,  
wildlife, and plants in the United States;

Whereas national wildlife refuges provide opportunities for  
people to discover and appreciate nature;

Whereas there is a refuge located within a 1-hour drive of  
every metropolitan area in the United States;

Whereas the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program under the United States Fish and Wildlife Service—

(1) focuses on introducing people living in densely populated areas to the more than 100 national wildlife refuges near urban areas; and

(2) promotes wildlife conservation and the enjoyment of hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreational activities close to where people live;

Whereas the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program focuses on public-private partnerships—

(1) to improve wildlife conservation; and

(2) to promote access to recreation on and off national wildlife refuges, including recreational activities such as hunting and fishing; and

Whereas by exploring community-centered approaches to address local needs, engaging the next generation of anglers and hunters, and providing infrastructure and safe access, the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program helps local organizations, cities, and towns across the United States engage in conservation activities: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates September 29, 2018, as “Na-  
3       tional Urban Wildlife Refuge Day”;

4               (2) encourages the United States Fish and  
5       Wildlife Service to increase access to outdoor rec-  
6       reational opportunities for urban communities; and

1           (3) encourages the people of the United States  
2           to visit and experience the more than 100 urban na-  
3           tional wildlife refuges of the United States.

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