



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texas has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling. Our sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitats, and through their license fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources.

Our sportsmen and women generated more than \$149 million in 2016 to support the conservation efforts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Texas' hunters and anglers boost the state's economy by spending more than \$4.1 billion engaging in their pursuits. This economic activity supports more than 65,000 jobs in the Lone Star State and generates \$415 million in state and local taxes.

In 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for the immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and our society.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about and participate in our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling and recognize the ecological, cultural and economic benefits they provide.

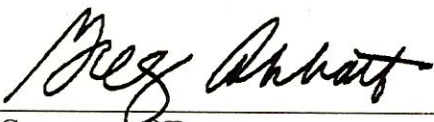
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2017, to be

## **Hunting and Fishing Day**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

  
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Governor of Texas