

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, Alaska has a rich and storied tradition and heritage of hunting and angling, that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and

WHEREAS, in an era when much of the American population is in danger of becoming disconnected from the outdoors, it is vital to maintain an awareness of the role of hunters and anglers in natural resource management. Alaska sets a positive example for the rest of the country as so many Alaskans rely on hunting and fishing to fill their own freezers and pantries and provide for their families every year; and

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 78th anniversary of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. Upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional conservation and management funds and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) manages Alaska's fish and wildlife resources according to policy set by the Alaska Boards of Fisheries and Game. ADF&G has established a reputation as a world class science-based management agency; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, Alaska's 582,100 hunters and anglers generated \$25,655,700 to support the conservation efforts of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska sportsmen and women also boosts the state's economy while engaging in their outdoor pursuits, which supports thousands of jobs in Alaska and generates millions of dollars in State and local taxes; and

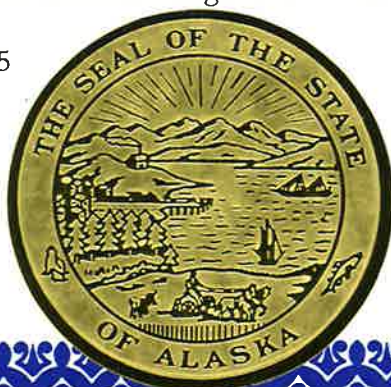
WHEREAS, since 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day has celebrated and recognized hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and the importance of supporting science-based fish and wildlife management.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015 as:

Hunting and Fishing Day

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to acknowledge hunters, fisherman, and conservationists for their great contribution to fish and wildlife management in Alaska.

Dated: September 21, 2015



Bill Walker

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*