



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, hunters, anglers, and trappers were among the first conservationists who supported the establishment of agencies to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitat and to help fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and*

*WHEREAS, hunters, anglers, and trappers have supported excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment to raise additional funds to support restoration; and*

*WHEREAS, this user pay – public benefit system began with the passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act in 1937 and was bolstered with the passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1950; and*

*WHEREAS, last year alone, sportsmen and sportswomen in Colorado generated nearly \$94 million through this American System of Conservation Funding to support the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, the manufacturers of hunting, fishing, and boating equipment have supported the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs and they continue to exhibit a spirit of cooperation with the state fish and wildlife agencies; and*

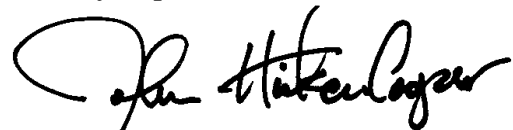
*WHEREAS, this cooperative partnership has resulted in a successful model of fish and wildlife management, restoring populations throughout the country;*

*Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, September 26, 2015, as*

### *HUNTING AND FISHING DAY*

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-sixth day of September, 2015*

  
*John W. Hickenlooper*  
Governor

