

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

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

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Fish & Wildlife to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and through their license fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, 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 funds; and

WHEREAS, to this day, the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through this American System of Conservation Funding - a "user pays" - *public benefits*" approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, Indiana sportsmen and women generated \$924 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Indiana's 867,000 sportsmen and women hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending almost \$1 billion while engaged in their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, this spending supports more than 14,000 jobs in Indiana and generates almost \$103 million in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015 as

HUNTING & FISHING DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 2nd  
day of September in the year of our  
Lord 2015 and of the Independence  
of the United States 270.*



BY THE GOVERNOR: 