

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon 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:** Oregon's sportsmen and women were among the first to support the establishment of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and through their license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment, have helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Whereas, To this day, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, a "user pays – public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as a successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and
- WHEREAS:** Last year alone, Oregon's 703,000 hunters and anglers generated over \$26 million to support the conservation efforts of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and annually spend nearly \$929 million and support over 14,700 Oregon jobs while engaged in their pursuits.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 26, 2015** to be

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, September 23, 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown".

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne P. Atkins".

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State