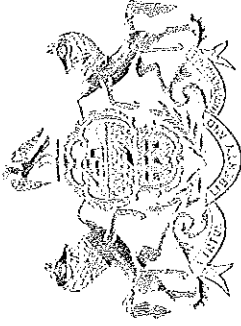


Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

September 26, 2015

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a rich and storied history of hunting and angling that dates back to before its founding and carries forward to today; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's sportsmen and women were among the first to support the use of revenue generated through the Commissions' license fees, and, later, excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment to provide and preserve healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, to this day, the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission receive significant funding from sportsmen and women through this American System of Conservation Management, a "user-pays, public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as the most successful system of fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 alone, Pennsylvania's sportsmen and women generated nearly \$90 million through this system to support the Commissions' conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 1.42 million hunters and anglers contribute to the state's economy by spending \$1.5 billion to engage in their pursuits, supporting more than 24,000 jobs and generating \$181 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.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 26, 2015, to be NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY in recognition of the many varied social, cultural, economic and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this second day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and fortieth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor