

# Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

**Whereas**, West Virginia 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**, West Virginia's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of West Virginia's Department of Natural Resources to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitat, and through license fees help fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

**Whereas**, West Virginia's 447,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy by spending more than \$778 million while engaged in their pursuits; and

**Whereas**, this spending supports over 13,943 jobs in West Virginia and generates \$167 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**, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 26, 2015* as:

## *National Hunting and Fishing Day*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance, a day to be set aside in celebration of West Virginia's sportsmen and women.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.



*Earl Ray Tomblin*

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Governor

By the Governor:

*Natalie E. Tennant*

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Secretary of State