



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 25th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho 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, hunting and angling continue to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state, and over the past year have offered a growing number of participants an opportunity to connect with nature while simultaneously providing food security, a sense of self-sufficiency, and both mental and physical health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game 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 firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle and motorboat fuels to raise additional conservation funds; and

WHEREAS, to this day, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is funded largely by sportsmen and women through this American System of Conservation Funding - a "user pays - public benefits" approach widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, Idaho's sportsmen and women generated \$60 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS, 534,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$1.02 billion while engaged in their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, this spending supports more than 15,000 jobs in Idaho and generates \$97 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, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim September 25, 2021, to be

National Hunting and Fishing Day

in Idaho, and I urge all Idaho citizens to join me in this special observance in celebration of Idaho's sportsmen and women.