

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

*Whereas*, Delaware has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, that dates back further than the state itself and carries on 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 on a personal level, while simultaneously providing food security, a sense of self-sufficiency, and both mental and physical health benefits; and

*Whereas*, Delaware's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitats, 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

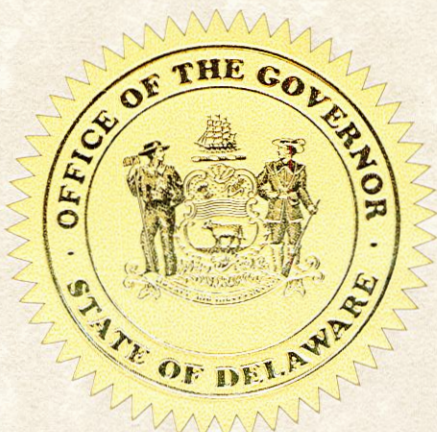
*Whereas*, to this day, the DNREC is funded, in part, by sportsmen and women, through the American System of Conservation Funding - a "user pays - public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

*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, We, John C. Carney, Governor,  
and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,  
do hereby declare September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as*

### **NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

in the State of Delaware, a day to be set aside in celebration of Delaware's sportsmen and women.



*John C. Carney*  
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Governor

*Bethany A. Hall-Long*  
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Lieutenant Governor

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