

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Mike Dunleavy*

WHEREAS, Alaska is abundant in diverse wildlife and its vast and expansive landscape provides bountiful resources; and

WHEREAS, from big game hunting to sport fishing, Alaska's hunting and fishing heritage is essential to the State's economic and social well-being and is deeply embedded in the spirit and history of the people who live here; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is known for being a world leader of fish and wildlife management; and

WHEREAS, so many Alaskans rely on hunting and fishing to fill their freezers, pantries and dinner plates and to provide for their families every year; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women in Alaska were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitat; and

WHEREAS, the ADF&G is funded primarily by hunters and anglers, through the American System of Conservation Funding – a “user pays – public benefits” structure in which those who consumptively use the resource pay for its conservation. An approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, the more than 600,000 resident and non-resident hunters and anglers in Alaska support the state's economy contributing to jobs, tourism growth, and local communities while engaged in their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day has celebrated and recognized hunters and anglers for their contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and their support of science-based fish and wildlife management.


NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2021 as:

Hunting and Fishing Day

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize hunters, anglers, and conservationists for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife management in Alaska.

Dated: September 25, 2021




Mike Dunleavy, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.