



# Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, Alabama 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 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*, Alabama's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat; and

*WHEREAS*, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is funded by sportsmen and women through the American System of Conservation Funding, which is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

*WHEREAS*, Alabama's sportsmen and women generated \$52,939,389 through this system to support conservation efforts and the state's economy while engaged in their pursuits; and

*WHEREAS*, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to society;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2022, as

# National Hunting and Fishing Day

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2022.

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor