



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida's vital natural resources are critical for our economy and way of life; and

WHEREAS, since 2019, Florida has invested over \$2 billion for the protection of our precious water resources, putting us well on our way to our goal of \$2.5 billion in four years; and

WHEREAS, Florida has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and fishing that predates Florida's statehood; and

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing continue to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Florida's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and help fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Florida's sportsmen and sportswomen generated almost \$73.9 million of conservation funding to FWCC in 2020; 3.8 million hunters and anglers spent \$9.9 billion, supporting nearly 126,000 jobs; 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 society; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida is committed to protecting and preserving our water and environmental resources for future generations to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 25, 2021, as *National Hunting and Fishing Day in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor