



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN FLORIDA

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

WHEREAS, since 2019, Florida has invested \$3.3 billion for the protection of our precious water resources, exceeding by \$800 million over Governor DeSantis' goal of \$2.5 billion in four years; 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 3.7 million hunters and anglers generated \$82.8 million of conservation funding to FWCC in 2021; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and the varied social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 24, 2022, 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 24th day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



Governor