



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**  
**September 25, 2021**

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania 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 offer 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, Pennsylvania sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Game Commission and the Fish and Boat Commission to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats, and through their license fees helped to 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 hunting, fishing, and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and*

*WHEREAS, to this day, the Game Commission and the Fish and Boat Commission are funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through this American System of Conservation Funding: a user pays-public benefits approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's more than 1.4 million hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$1.5 billion while engaged in their pursuits; and*

*WHEREAS, this spending supports over 24,000 jobs in Pennsylvania and generates \$181 million in state and local taxes; 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.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, proclaim September 25, 2021 to be HUNTING AND FISHING DAY, a day to be set aside in celebration of Pennsylvania's sportsmen and women, to recognize the many and varied social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifteenth day of September two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor