

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, South Dakota has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that has shaped the history of the state; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's sportsmen and women supported the establishment of the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks over 100 years ago to conserve the state's parks, fisheries, wildlife and their habitat while providing all individuals access to these resources; and

WHEREAS, through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle and motorboat fuels, sportsmen and women primarily fund the department's efforts through the American System of Conservation Funding- a "user pay - user benefit" system widely recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, South Dakota's 444,000 hunters and anglers generated over \$42 million to support the state's conservation efforts to ensure future generations may enjoy the same resources enjoyed today; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established to recognize hunters and anglers for their contributions to conservation, which through Governor Noem's Second Century Initiative will ensure the second century of hunting in South Dakota is just as successful as the first; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's outdoors are open to everyone to either begin those new adventures with your family that you have been putting off or cherish the traditional adventures that mean the most — all while sharing stories and making memories.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTINOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2021, as

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this seventh day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.




Kristi Noem

Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:



Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State