TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling which 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 over the past year 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;

WHEREAS, Kansas' sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitat, and through their license fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, To this day, the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks is primarily funded 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 for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, To this day, 100% of the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks' Fish and Wildlife Programs budget, totaling $48.48 million in 2020, is provided by sportsmen and women, through this System; and

WHEREAS, 527,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than $629 million while engaged in their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, This spending supports over 9,331 jobs in Kansas and generates $69 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim September 25th, 2021 as

National Hunting and Fishing Day

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 25th day of
September, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Secretary of State