



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and fishing those dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and
- WHEREAS: Hunting and fishing continue to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state, and offer a growing number of people an opportunity to connect with nature while providing food security, a sense of self-sufficiency, and mental and physical health benefits; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to conserve fish, wildlife, and habitat; and
- WHEREAS: To this day, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is funded in part by hunters and anglers, an approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Over 1.6 million hunters and anglers support the state's economy, spending over \$8.4 million on outdoor activities in Minnesota last year and generating over \$103 million to support the conservation efforts of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; and
- WHEREAS: According to 2021 data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, hunters and anglers spent more than \$39 billion on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting across the United States last year. This spending helped fuel the outdoor economy, which comprises 2% of Minnesota's GDP; and
- WHEREAS: 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, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 24, 2022, as:

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Pimmon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE