



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, Ohio 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 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources 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**, 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 firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle and motorboat fuels to raise additional conservation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, to this day, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife is 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**, last year alone, Ohio's sportsmen and women generated \$51.65 million through this System to support the conservation efforts of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's 1.56 million hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$2.75 billion while engaged in their pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, this spending supports over 46,825 jobs in Ohio and generates \$301 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.

**WHEREAS**, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 25, 2021 as

## NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor