

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma 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 recent years 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, Oklahoma's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation 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, through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle, and motorboat fuels, sportsmen and women fund the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's efforts through the American System of Conservation Funding; and

Whereas, according to 2021 data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, on the national level sportsmen and women spent more than \$39 billion on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting, which does not include spending on items such as trips and travel, or license fees that were necessary for their participation. This spending helped fuel the outdoor economy, which comprised 1.8% of Oklahoma's GDP that same year; 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, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2022 as

"Oklahoma Hunting and Fishing Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma
City, this first day of September, in the
Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two,
and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred
and fourteenth year.

Kevin Stitt
GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

ATTEST: