

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon 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, which 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:** Oregon's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitat, and through their license fees, help fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's hunters and anglers help support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife by contributing—through licensing fees and permits—to state efforts to preserve and protect healthy and sustainable natural resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 830,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to over \$5 million spent on outdoor activities in Oregon last year. This spending helped fuel the outdoor economy, which comprised 2.2% of Oregon 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, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 24, 2022** to be

National Hunting and Fishing Day

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, September 21, 2022

Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State