



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texas has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling which predates the inception of the state itself. For many Texans, participation in activities like hunting and fishing is deeply rewarding. These activities provide rich opportunities to deepen human relationships, reconnect with the environment, and create thousands of jobs and revenue for the Lone Star State.

Through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle, and motorboat fuels, the sportsmen and women in our state were among the first to support the establishment of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in order to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats. These taxes support the department's Game, Fish, and Water Safety budget through the American System of Conservation Funding. Our millions of sportsmen and women have generated \$158.7 million to support the continued conservation efforts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Texas' hunters and anglers have boosted the state's economy by purchasing and equipping themselves with the necessary tools to enjoy their pursuits.

In 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to both fish and wildlife conservation and our society. At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about and participate in the time-honored traditions of hunting and angling, and to recognize the vast ecological, cultural, and economic benefits they provide.

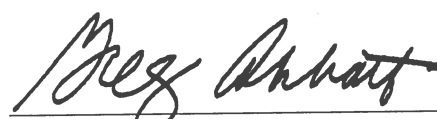
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2021, to be

Hunting and Fishing Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
19th day of August, 2021.


Governor of Texas