

The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor
A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

NEW HAMPSHIRE HUNTING & FISHING DAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

WHEREAS, New Hampshire 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, New Hampshire's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department 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

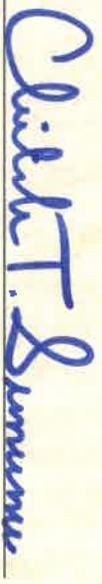
WHEREAS, to this day, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through this American System of Conservation Funding - a "user pays - public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, New Hampshire's sportsmen and women generated \$24.5 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and 251,663 hunters and anglers supported the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$2.7 billion spent on outdoor activities in New Hampshire last 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, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 23, 2023** as **HUNTING AND FISHING DAY** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this day to the attention of all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 16th day of August, 2023.



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

