



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Alabama 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 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, Alabama's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat; and*

*WHEREAS, the ADCNR receives funding from sportsmen and women through the American System of Conservation Funding, which is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and*

*WHEREAS, last year alone, Alabama's sportsmen and women generated \$72.8 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the ADCNR; and*

*WHEREAS, 1.1 million hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$7.3 billion spent on outdoor activities in Alabama 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, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2026, as*

# *National Hunting & Fishing Day*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*