



WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is committed to healthy landscapes, thriving wildlife populations, and a citizenry dedicated to stewardship of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established by the United States Congress in 1972 to recognize the contributions of hunters and anglers to wildlife conservation and is observed each year on the fourth Saturday of September; and

WHEREAS, for generations, hunting, fishing, and wild game have sustained Native American Tribes, contributed to Colorado's history and culture, and helped shape the traditions and communities of our state; and

WHEREAS, regulated and ethical hunting and fishing have been protected under Colorado law for over 150 years and are important activities for many Coloradans, connecting people to the land, water, wildlife, and natural heritage that define our state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's hunters and anglers value wild places, healthy forests, vibrant prairies, clean waters, and the habitats that sustain wildlife across our state; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers play a vital role in conserving wildlife and supporting science-based wildlife management through volunteerism, license fees, and excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, helping fund habitat conservation and healthy ecosystems that benefit a wide variety of wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, these conservation investments benefit all Coloradans and visitors, whether they hunt, fish, watch wildlife, or recreate outdoors, and help ensure future generations can enjoy Colorado's natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing contribute alongside other outdoor recreation activities to Colorado's economy by supporting rural communities, local businesses, outdoor recreation opportunities, and jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing reflect enduring Colorado values as outdoor traditions, a tool of wildlife management, and expressions of our shared commitment to conserving the lands, waters, and wildlife upon which people and nature depend; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Parks and Wildlife works throughout the year to recruit, introduce, and mentor new hunters and anglers, helping ensure these traditions and the conservation ethic they foster continue for generations to come;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2026, as

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-sixth day of September, 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor