

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION by the GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas 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 are an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state, offering a growing number of participants an opportunity to connect with nature while simultaneously providing food security, a sense of self-sufficiency, and both mental and physical health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Kansas' sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats, 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, KDWP's budget is funded in part 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, Kansas' sportsmen and women generated \$52.9 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the KDWP; and

WHEREAS, 565,157 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$5.1 billion spent on outdoor activities in Kansas 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.

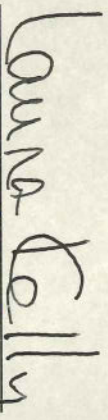
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2026, as

National Hunting and Fishing Day in Kansas

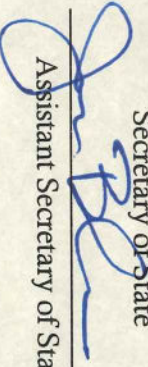
in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 17th day of
August 2026

BY THE GOVERNOR:


Laura Kelly

Secretary of State


Assistant Secretary of State

