



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that predates statehood and continues to thrive today; and

WHEREAS, hunting and angling remain integral to the cultural fabric of communities across New Mexico, offering opportunities to connect with nature, support food security, promote self-sufficiency, and contribute to both mental and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists, supporting the creation of the New Mexico Department of Wildlife to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats, and through license fees helped fund state efforts to maintain healthy, sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that license fees alone could not fully restore or sustain fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, fishing equipment, and motorboat fuels to generate additional conservation funding; and

WHEREAS, today the New Mexico Department of Wildlife continues to be funded primarily by sportsmen and women through the American System of Conservation Funding a "user pays, public benefits" model widely regarded as the most successful approach to fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, New Mexico's sportsmen and women generated \$55.1 million through this system to support the conservation work of the New Mexico Department of Wildlife; and Whereas, 404,376 hunters and anglers contributed to New Mexico's outdoor economy through their spending, helping drive the \$3.6 billion spent on outdoor recreation in the state last year; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent Bureau of Economic Analysis data, sportsmen and women nationwide spent more than \$41 billion on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting fueling an outdoor economy that accounted for 2.5% of New Mexico's GDP; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day, established in 1972, recognizes hunters and anglers for their significant contributions to wildlife conservation and to our society and the State of New Mexico recognizes the many social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of New Mexico's time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.

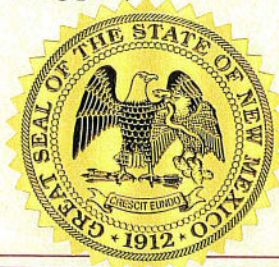
NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim September 26th, 2026, as:

"National Hunting and Fishing Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
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Secretary of State



Done at the Executive Office this
10th day of August 2026.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Governor