



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, hunting and fishing are time-honored traditions in Utah, rooted in our heritage and culture, and passed down through generations;

Whereas, hunting and angling continue to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state, offering opportunities to connect with nature, provide food security and a sense of self sufficiency and both mental and physical health benefits;

Whereas, Utah's sportsmen and women play a vital role in conserving our state's natural resources, and were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and through various fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources;

Whereas, outdoor recreation in Utah has generated \$9.75 billion in value-added, accounting for 3.3% of Utah's GDP and supporting 75,182 jobs statewide; and

Whereas, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare September 26, 2026 as

Hunting and Fishing Day in Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spencer J. Cox'.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor