



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texas is home to a remarkable diversity of landscapes, from pine forests and rolling prairies to winding rivers and the Gulf Coast, making the Lone Star State one of the nation's premier destinations for outdoor recreation. Hunting and fishing have been woven into the fabric of Texas history since its earliest days, and these enduring traditions continue to connect generations of Texans with the state's abundant natural resources.

Sportsmen and women have long played an essential role in conserving Texas' wildlife and outdoors. Through their stewardship, advocacy, and support for conservation initiatives, hunters and anglers help safeguard fish, wildlife, and habitats for future generations. Their commitment also strengthens the important work of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which is dedicated to protecting and managing the state's rich natural and cultural resources.

Beyond conservation impact, hunting and fishing enrich the lives of individuals, families, and communities across Texas. These outdoor pursuits foster patience, self-reliance, and an appreciation for the natural world while promoting physical activity and mental well-being. They also generate billions of dollars in annual economic activity, supporting local businesses, jobs, and communities throughout the state.

Established in 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day honors the lasting contributions of sportsmen and women to our state's outdoor heritage and conservation legacy. This observance serves as an opportunity to celebrate these cherished traditions and to encourage all Texans to experience the recreational, environmental, and economic benefits that hunting and fishing provide.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2026, to be

Hunting and Fishing Day



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 14th day of August, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas