

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, which continues to be an important part of the fabric of communities and key driver of our outdoor economy; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitat, and through their license fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, to this day, 81% of the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Park's budget is provided by sportsmen and women, and 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, 411,555 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$2,236,881,000 spent on outdoor activities in Montana last year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2022

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in Montana to celebrate the significance of hunters and anglers
to conservation, our economy, and our way of life.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor