

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of Montana's history, tradition, and culture; and

WHEREAS, shooting sports education allows Montanans to safely learn to shoot and responsibly participate in shooting sports with family, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife, but also for educating the public on principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, hunting and shooting sports contribute over \$320 million annually to Montana's economy, including over \$26 million in funding from license fees for wildlife conservation, habitat, and hunter education in Montana in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in August 2023, organizations, businesses, and individuals will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim August 2023 as

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in Montana to celebrate our hunting and shooting sports industries.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor