

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, which is an important part of the fabric of communities and a 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, 79 percent 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, in 2023 alone, Montana's sportsmen and women generated \$120,812,572 to support the conservation efforts of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; and

WHEREAS, 697,251 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$2.8 billion spent on outdoor activities in Montana last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim
September 28, 2024

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