

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and

WHEREAS, hunting and angling continue to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state, and offer participants an opportunity to connect with nature on a personal level while simultaneously providing food security, a sense of self-sufficiency, and both mental and physical health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Kansas' sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism 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, 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, to this day, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through this American System of Conservation Funding - a "user pays - public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, Kansas' sportsmen and women generated \$40.28 million through this System to support the conservation efforts of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, 537,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$629 million while engaged in their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, this spending supports more than 9,331 jobs in Kansas and generates \$69 million in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as

National Hunting and Fishing Day

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, A.D. 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

