

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that originates with traditional Indigenous practices and recreational usage; and

WHEREAS; the state's hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists in Wisconsin to support establishing a statewide conservation commission, now known as the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to focus on preserving and protecting wildlife and their habitats; and

WHEREAS; through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on things like firearms, ammunition, fishing tackle, and boat fuels, Wisconsin's hunters and anglers help fund the efforts of the DNR to this day, generating millions of dollars for the agency's conservation efforts each year; and

WHEREAS; established in 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day has for 51 years served as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate hunters and anglers across the state and country for their efforts in fish and wildlife conservation, as well as to increase participation and awareness in hunting, shooting, and angling; and

WHEREAS; hunting and fishing is also a multimillion-dollar industry that contributes to the livelihoods of thousands of individuals, boosts statewide tourism, and creates small business opportunities; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the state's hunters and anglers and the many social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of these time-honored traditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 23 2023 as

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of September 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State