

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

WHEREAS; core to Wisconsin's culture and identity, hunting and angling offer individuals opportunities to connect with nature, provide food security and a sense of self-sufficiency, and promote both mental and physical health benefits;

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 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 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 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; in 2022, Wisconsin's outdoor recreation industry contributed a record-breaking \$9.8 billion to the state's gross domestic product, and hunting and fishing contribute to the livelihoods of thousands of individuals, boost statewide tourism, and create small business opportunities in communities throughout the state; and

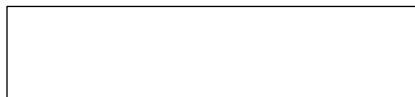
WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the state's hunters and anglers and the many social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of these time-honored traditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 28 2024 as

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

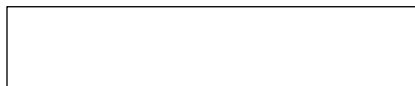
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 10th day of September 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State