

WHEREAS; established in 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day serves to recognize and celebrate hunters and anglers throughout our state and country for their efforts in fish and wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS; our state’s hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists 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 habitat, and through their license fees have helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS; upon realizing that license fees alone would be insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, hunters and anglers throughout our country supported the creation of the federal Wildlife Restoration Program in 1937 and the Sport Fish Restoration Program in 1950, which use a “user pays, user benefits” approach, collecting excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment which are distributed to states for conservation programs; and

WHEREAS; to this day, the DNR’s fish and wildlife programs are still funded by our hunters and anglers through the federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs, which are widely recognized as the most successful models of fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS; in 2020, Wisconsin’s hunters and anglers have generated more than \$91 million through this system to support the DNR’s conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS; our state’s more than 5.2 million resident hunters and anglers support over 55,722 jobs and contribute more than \$149 million to Wisconsin’s GDP while engaged in their hunting and fishing pursuits; and


WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring our sportsmen and women and the many social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 26, 2020, 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 25th day of September 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State