



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY
September 22, 2018

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania 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, Pennsylvania sportswomen and men were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Game Commission and the Fish and Boat Commission to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats, and through license fees helped to fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

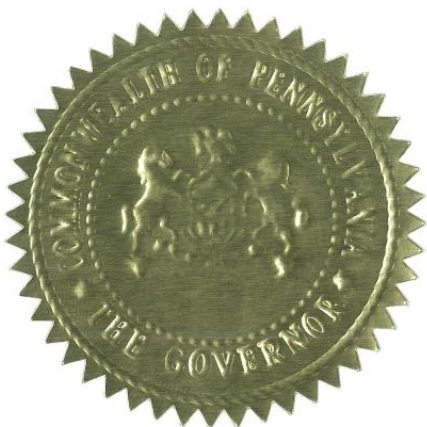
WHEREAS, upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and

WHEREAS, to this day, the Game Commission and the Fish and Boat Commission are 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 of fish and wildlife management in the world and is celebrating its 81st anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's sportsmen and women generate more than \$95 million annually through this system to support the conservation efforts of the Game Commission and the Fish and Boat Commission; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's more than 1.4 million hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$1.5 billion while engaged in their pursuits.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, proclaim September 22, 2018, to be National Hunting and Fishing Day in Pennsylvania, a day to be set aside in celebration of Pennsylvania's sportsmen and women, to recognize the many and varied social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twelfth day of September two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.

Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor