

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Hunting, firearms, and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Hundreds of thousands of Arkansas residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS: There are currently over 704,000 recreational shooters in Arkansas. Arkansas recreational shooters have spent a combined 8.5 million days shooting at a range; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has over \$343 million in retail sales for shooting supplies and firearms; and

WHEREAS: There are over 6,500 jobs in Arkansas related to shooting, which generates over \$202 million in Arkansas salaries; and

WHEREAS: Hunting and shooting sports contributed over \$1.2 billion to the Arkansas economy in 2018; and

WHEREAS: Increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS: In August 2019, organizations, businesses, and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim August 2019, as

#### NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 2019.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State