

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate the immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to our society; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that dates back further than the state itself; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the creation of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats; and

WHEREAS: Those same sportsmen and women support the conservation actions of said Commission through their license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and motorboat fuels to provide healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS: Last year alone, over 318,000 anglers and more than 507,000 hunters enjoyed the woods and waters of the state and represent a considerable portion of the \$9.7 billion in outdoor recreation spending that greatly impacts our state's economy;

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 September 19th through September 25th, 2021, as

ARKANSAS HUNTING AND FISHING WEEK

and September 25th, 2021, as

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow Arkansans to join me in recognizing the many social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling in The Natural State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of August, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary Of State