



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama 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, hunting and angling continue to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state and have offered a growing number of participants an opportunity to connect with nature on a personal level, while simultaneously providing food security, a sense of self-sufficiency and both mental and physical health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is funded by sportsmen and women through the American System of Conservation Funding, which is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's sportsmen and women generated \$75,300,721 through this system to support conservation efforts and the state's economy while engaged in their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, 1,127,887 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$5 billion spent on outdoor activities in Alabama last year; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2023, as

National Hunting and Fishing Day

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 21st day of September 2023.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor