STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

WHEREAS, North Dakota has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that predates statehood and carries forward to this day; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of North Dakota Game and Fish to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and through their license fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources, and hunters and anglers have further supported self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and

WHEREAS, to this day, North Dakota Game and Fish is funded primarily by hunters and anglers 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

WHEREAS, last year alone, North Dakota's sportsmen and women generated $30.88 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of North Dakota Game and Fish; and
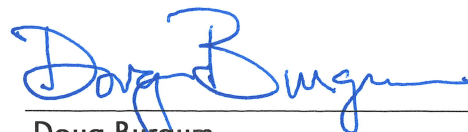
WHEREAS, 135,000 resident and nonresident hunters and 210,000 resident and nonresident anglers support the state's economy through spending nearly $1 billion while engaged in their pursuits, generating $48 million in state and local taxes and supporting over 5,500 jobs in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their contributions to fish and wildlife conservation for the benefit of our society; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota recognizes and is grateful for the many and varied social, cultural, economic and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 28, 2019, **HUNTING AND FISHING DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE