

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### HUNTING AND FISHING DAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

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

WHEREAS, hunting and angling are an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state and offer participants an opportunity to connect with nature on a personal level while providing food security, a sense of self-sufficiency and both mental and physical health benefits; 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 have 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 in part 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 for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

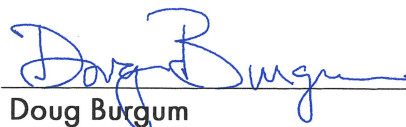
WHEREAS, last year alone, North Dakota’s sportsmen and women generated over \$26 million in federal excise tax revenues on hunting and fishing equipment through this system to support the conservation efforts of North Dakota Game and Fish; and

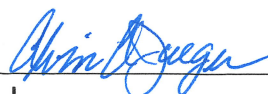
WHEREAS, 286,000 hunters and anglers support the state’s economy through spending more than \$590 million while engaged in their pursuits; supporting over 3,250 jobs in North Dakota and generating \$48 million in state and local taxes; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
September 26, 2020, HUNTING AND FISHING DAY in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE