



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
HUNTING AND FISHING DAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

WHEREAS, North Dakota 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, North Dakota's hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department 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

WHEREAS, to this day, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department 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 is celebrating its 87th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, North Dakota's hunters and anglers generated more than \$33 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's 140,000 resident and nonresident hunters and 220,000 resident and nonresident anglers support the state's economy through annual direct spending of more than \$600 million while engaged in their pursuits; and

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

WHEREAS, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I, Doug Burgum, do hereby recognize the many and varied social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 23, 2017, **HUNTING AND FISHING DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State