



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
HUNTING AND FISHING DAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

WHEREAS, the State of 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'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 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 wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, North Dakota's hunters and anglers generated over \$30 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the Game and Fish Department; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's 150,000 resident anglers and 100,000 resident hunters support the state's economy through the direct spending of more than \$500 million annually while engaged in their pursuits, generating \$35 million in state and local taxes and supporting over 3,500 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 22, 2018, **HUNTING AND FISHING DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State