NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH AUGUST 2021

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition and culture of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also teaches principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of North Dakota residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, hunting and the shooting sports contributed over \$100 million dollars to the North Dakota economy in 2020; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women and recreationalist dollars from license fees, a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment and handguns, apportioned to North Dakota resulted in roughly \$9 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat and hunter education in North Dakota in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in August 2021, organizations, businesses and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 2021, SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE