

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH AUGUST 2023

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, North Dakota Game and Fish 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

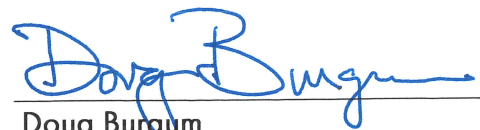
WHEREAS, hunting and the shooting sports contributed almost \$100 million to the North Dakota economy in 2022; and

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 over \$14 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat and hunter education in North Dakota in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in August 2023, organizations, businesses and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
August 2023, SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 

Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE