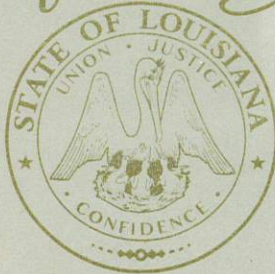


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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Louisiana has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's sportsmen and women supported the establishment of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle and motorboat fuels, sportsmen and women primarily fund the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' efforts through the American System of Conservation Funding; and

WHEREAS, last year, 1,217,986 hunters and anglers generated \$53,880,172 to support the conservation efforts of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established to recognize hunters and anglers for their contributions to conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, **I, John Bel Edwards, Governor** of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2023 as

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY
in the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton
Rouge, on this **24th** day of **September** A. D., **2023**.



John Bel Edwards
Governor