

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, Oklahoma has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, that is older than the state itself and continues to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state; and

**Whereas**, Oklahoma's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation 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**, upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle and motorboat fuels to raise additional conservation funds; and

**Whereas**, to this day, 100 percent of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's budget is provided by sportsmen and women, through this American System of Conservation Funding - a "user pays - public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and

**Whereas**, last year alone, Oklahoma's 976,283 sportsmen and women generated \$53,150,615 through this system to support the conservation efforts of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation while contributing to the \$5.5 billion to the state's economy through their outdoor-related spending;

**Now Therefore**, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim  
September 27, 2025, as

**"National Hunting and Fishing Day in the State of  
Oklahoma"**

in the State of Oklahoma

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma  
City, this twelfth day of August, in the  
Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five,  
and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred  
and seventeenth year.*

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*[Signature]*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: