



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's hunting and fishing enthusiasts were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and together we have strengthened the focus on the conservation and sustainability of wildlife and its habitat; and

WHEREAS, in 1972 Hunting and Fishing Day was established to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to our society; and

WHEREAS, TWRA is funded, in part, by sportsmen and women, through the 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; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Tennessee's sportsmen and women generated \$78,388,492 through this System to support the conservation efforts of the TWRA; and

WHEREAS, during last year alone, 910,015 hunters and anglers supported the state's economy through their spending which contributed to the \$13 billion total spent on outdoor activities in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, hunting and angling continue to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout and over recent years has offered a growing opportunity to connect with the beautiful lakes, rivers and streams across Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim
September 27, 2025 as

Hunting and Fishing Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this fifteenth day of August 2025.



Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Wargitt

Secretary of State