

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, Oklahoma has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling; and  
**Whereas**, Oklahoma's sportsmen and women supported the establishment of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation; 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**, 1,260,755 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$4.3 billion spent on outdoor activities in Oklahoma last year; and

**Whereas**, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established to recognize hunters and anglers for their contributions to conservation;

**Now Therefore**, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2023,  
as

### **"Oklahoma Hunting and Fishing Day"**

in the State of Oklahoma.

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

*Done at the Capital, in the City of Oklahoma  
City, this twenty first day of September, in the  
Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty three,  
and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred  
and fifteen year*

*J. Kevin Stitt*  
GOVERNOR

*J. Kelly*  
SECRETARY OF STATE



ATTEST: