

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, Indiana has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources; 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 Indiana Department of Natural Resources' efforts through the American System of Conservation Funding; and
- WHEREAS, To this day, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is funded, in part, 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, Indiana's 804,933 sportsmen and women generated \$47,954,999 through this System to support the conservation efforts of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Braun, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of August the year of our  
Lord 2025 and of the Independence  
of the United States 249.*

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Mike Braun*

