

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Vermont has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling which dates back further than the state itself, and carries forward to this day; and
- WHEREAS,** hunting and angling remain integral to the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state, and over recent years have offered a growing number of participants an opportunity to connect with nature on a personal level while simultaneously providing food security, a sense of self-sufficiency, and both mental and physical health benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont's sportsmen and sportswomen were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, which conserves fish, wildlife, and their habitat through licensing fees that help fund the state's efforts to provide a healthy, sustainable array of natural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** upon realizing that licensing fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and sportswomen supported self-imposed taxes on firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle and motorboat fuels to raise additional conservation funds; and
- WHEREAS,** to this day, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is funded in part by sportsmen and women through the American System of Conservation Funding—a “user pays, public benefits” approach widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management; and
- WHEREAS,** last year alone, Vermont's sportsmen and sportswomen generated \$17.9 million through the ASCF to support the conservation efforts of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department; and
- WHEREAS,** 163,000 hunters, anglers, and trappers stimulate the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$2.1 billion spent on outdoor activities in Vermont last year; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the most recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Vermont's sportsmen and sportswomen help support the state's 16,283 outdoor recreation jobs and fuel the outdoor recreation industry's 4.8% percent contribution to the Vermont GDP; and
- WHEREAS,** National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 27<sup>th</sup> day September, 2025 as

**HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**  
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 26th day of September, A.D. 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip B. Scott". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jaye Pershing Johnson". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Jaye Pershing Johnson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs