

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, hunting and angling continue to be an integral component of 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

Kansas' sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks 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, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' budget 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, Kansas' sportsmen and women generated \$55,244,633 through this system to support the conservation efforts of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; and

WHEREAS, 513,669 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$4.6 billion spent on outdoor activities in Kansas last year and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, on the national level sportsmen and women spent more than \$38 billion on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting, which does not include spending on items such as trips and travel, or license fees that were necessary for their participation, this spending helped fuel the outdoor economy, which comprised 1.7% of Kansas' GDP that same year; 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, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, September 27, 2025, as

National Hunting and Fishing Day in Kansas

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 27th day of
September 2025

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab
Secretary of State

Whitney Temples
Assistant Secretary of State