



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
HUNTING AND FISHING DAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

WHEREAS, North Dakota has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, that dates back to before statehood and carries forward to this day; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department 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, to this day, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is funded primarily by hunters and anglers, through an American system of conservation funding – a *"user pays – public benefits"* approach that is widely recognized as the most successful system of fish and wildlife management in the world; and


WHEREAS, last year alone, North Dakota's hunters and anglers generated over \$32 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's 140,000 hunters and 214,000 anglers support the state's economy through direct spending of more than \$600 million while engaged in their pursuits; 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; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encourage to recognize the many and varied social, cultural, economic and ecological benefits of the time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016, **HUNTING AND FISHING DAY** in the state of North Dakota.


Jack Dalrymple
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State