



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  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State