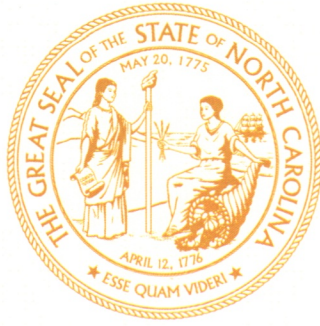




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to conserve fish, wildlife, and habitat; and through their license fees, they helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, 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, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission 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

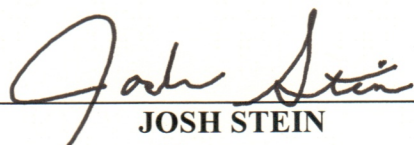
WHEREAS, last year alone, North Carolina's sportsmen and women generated \$88.7 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and

WHEREAS, 2 million hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending, contributing to the \$17.7 billion spent on outdoor activities in North Carolina last 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, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2026, as "**NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance.




JOSH STEIN
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.