

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Mississippi residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and hunters teach others to understand the responsibilities of owning and using a firearm, while also working to ensure that our natural resources are safeguarded; and

WHEREAS, the firearm and ammunition industry contributed over \$900 million to Mississippi's economy in 2020 and supported 4,873 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi received nearly \$10 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in August 2021, organizations, businesses and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans and to continue to promote a culture of safety and responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of August 2021 as

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.



DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 3rd day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tate Reeves".

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR