STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, millions of law-abiding Arizonans, young and old, participate in hunting and other shooting sports annually; and

WHEREAS, target shooting, one of America's favorite pastimes, is a safe and fun activity; and

WHEREAS, shooting sports programs, and instruction by trained family members and mentors, affirm the role of local communities as the primary teacher of the rule of law and personal responsibility; 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, in 2020, those engaged in shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$20 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the shooting sports industry contributes greatly to Arizona's economy by generating more than \$1.4 billion in total economic activity in the Grand Canyon State, and supports more than 3,000 jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

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

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Thirtieth day of June in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE