



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Colorado has a long history, tradition, and culture of hunting and shooting sports; and

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

WHEREAS, hunting and the shooting sports contributed almost \$1 Billion to the Colorado economy in 2020; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to firearm training and education provides an opportunity to safely learn to use and shoot responsibly and participate in shooting sports and hunting safely; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also teaches principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women and recreationalist dollars from license fees, a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment and handguns, apportioned to Colorado resulted in over \$15 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat and hunter education in Colorado 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;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the state of Colorado, do hereby proclaim August 2021, as

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of August, 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*