

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition and culture of Indiana; 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, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources 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, hundreds of thousands of Indiana 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 \$917 million dollars to Indiana's economy in 2020 and supported over 6,100 jobs; and
- WHEREAS, those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed over \$11.4 million dollars 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, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 26th  
day of July the year of our  
Lord 2021 and of the Independence  
of the United States 246.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Eric J. Holcomb*