

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Kansas; 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 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also the teaching of principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Kansans, 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 more than \$804.1 million to the Kansas economy in 2020 and supported 4,799 jobs; and

WHEREAS, those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$12.7 million in funding for Kansas 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, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

National Shooting Sports Month

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 1st day of
August, A.D. 2021



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

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Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State