



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Missouri; 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 Missouri Department of Conservation 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 Missourians, 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 \$1.61 billion to the Missouri economy in 2020 and supported 11,322 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$17.8 million in funding for Missouri 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, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim August 2021 to be

**NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH**

in Missouri and encourage the people of Missouri to safely participate in hunting and shooting sports.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE