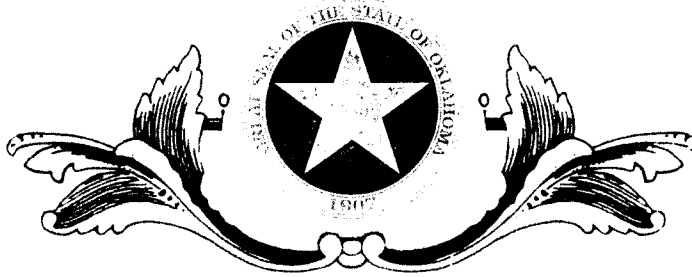


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife 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 Oklahomans, 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 \$536.4 million to the Oklahoma economy in 2020 and supported 4,579 jobs; and

Whereas, those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$17.0 million in funding for Oklahoma 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, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim August 2021, as

Shooting Sports Month

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 22nd day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty one and of the State of Oklahoma in the one-hundred and thirtieth year.

Kevin Benjamin
SECRETARY OF STATE

Kevin Stitt
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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