

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** increasing access to education and shooting sports provides the opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and
- WHEREAS,** hundreds of thousands of South Carolinians, 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 as much as \$1.3 billion to South Carolina's economy in 2020 and supported 7,918 jobs; and
- WHEREAS,** those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$9.18 million 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, spotlighting shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans and continuing to promote a culture of safety and responsibility.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as**

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to enjoy some time at the range to experience the excitement, education, and tradition of the shooting sports and celebrate the industry's contributions to our state.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA