

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms, and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of South Dakota; 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 South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department 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 South Dakota residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, hunting and shooting sports contributed over \$350 million dollars to the South Dakota economy in 2020; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women and recreationalist dollars from license fees, a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment, and handguns, apportioned to South Dakota resulted in more than \$10 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat, and hunter education in South Dakota 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.

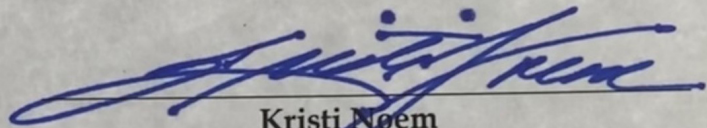
NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 2021, as

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

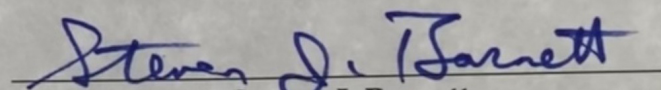
in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.




Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:


Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State