

Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital Boise

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunity to safely learn to shoot and responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game 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 Idaho residents young and old participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, hunting and the shooting sports contributed more than \$1.3 billion to the Idaho economy in 2020; and

WHEREAS, recreationalist dollars from license fees and a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment and handguns apportioned to Idaho resulted in more than \$18 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat, and hunter education in Idaho in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2021, organizations, businesses and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 2021 to be

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage the people of Idaho to safely participate in hunting and shooting sports.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR

LAWÉRENCE DENNEY/ SECRETARY OF STATE