



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition and culture of Alabamians and the state of Alabama; 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 Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 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 Alabamians, 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 \$740.77 million to Alabama's economy in 2021 and supported 5,247 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Alabama received more than \$26.62 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2021; and

WHEREAS, in August 2022, 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, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 2022 as

National Shooting Sports Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 27th day of June 2022.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor