WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Iowa; 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 Iowa Department of Natural Resource 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 Iowa residents, 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 over $481 million dollars to the Iowa economy in 2021 and supported over 2,700 jobs; and

WHEREAS, those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed over $15.7 million dollars 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, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2022 as

IOWA SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 17TH DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO.

Kim Reynolds
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

Paul Pate
SECRETARY OF STATE