

Office of the Governor



JOHN BEL EDWARDS

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Louisiana; 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 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also the teaching of principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and
- WHEREAS,** hundreds of thousands of Louisianans, 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,** those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$12.7 million in funding for Louisiana 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, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim August 2022 as

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of August A. D., 2022.



John Bel Edwards
Governor