

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are deeply engrained in the rich history, tradition, and culture of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, increased access to education and shooting sports provides opportunities to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of Mississippi 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 conserve our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the firearm and ammunition industry contributed over \$920 million to Mississippi's economy in 2021 and supported 4,737 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 Mississippi received more than \$16.6 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition; 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**, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of August 2022 as

### NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tate Reeves".

TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR