

WHEREAS, hunting and shooting sports are part of the history and culture of the United States and Ohio; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunities for Ohioans to safely learn to shoot and raises public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the firearm and ammunition industry contributed more than \$2.3 billion to Ohio's economy in 2021 and supported over 15,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, shooting sports and hunting in Ohio contributed more than \$21.9 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts in 2021 through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax, which is levied on firearms and ammunition; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's best sportsmen and hunters teach others the skills needed, emphasize the responsibilities of owning and using a firearm, and work to ensure that our natural resources are safeguarded; and

WHEREAS, shooting sports, such as bullseye, skeet, trap, and sporting clays, are fun, safe, and offer activities that people of all ages can enjoy both recreationally and competitively; and

WHEREAS, in August 2022, organizations, businesses, and others will unite to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and continue to promote a culture of safety and responsibility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize August 2022 as

## NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2022.

Mike DeWine Governor Jon Husted Lieutenant Governor