

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides an opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of South Carolinians, 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 \$1.24 billion to South Carolina's economy in 2021 and supported 6,789 jobs; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina received more than \$15.25 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 to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans and to continue to promote a culture of safety and responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2022 as

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to enjoy time at the range to experience the excitement, education, and tradition of the shooting sports and celebrate the industry's contributions to our state.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA