



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, increasing 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, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also for teaching principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, millions of Tennesseans participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and hunters help 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 \$1.13 billion to Tennessee's economy in 2021 and supported 7,097 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee received nearly \$32 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 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, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 2022, as

Shooting Sports Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this nineteenth day of July, 2022.



Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State