



THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR



*To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings:
Know ye that this official recognition is presented to all observing*

Shooting Sports Month

August 2022

For generations, sportsmen, sharpshooters, hunters, and Texans from all walks of life have shown a marked affinity for the shooting sports. In a state whose identity is inextricably linked with the cowboy spirit, traditions such as the opening of deer season, West Texas javelina hunts, and rattlesnake roundups are alive and well to this day. Furthermore, at rodeos, competitions, fairs, and festivals across the state, marksmen demonstrate their impeccable prowess with bows, handguns, and rifles.

Shooting sports bring Texas families together for quality time outdoors, and they teach young Texans valuable skills such as dedication, patience, conservation, responsibility, and safety. These sports make significant contributions to Texas' robust economy. In 2021 alone, the firearm and ammunition industry contributed more than \$5.5 billion to the Texas economy and supported over 31,000 jobs. This key industry—alongside the sportsmen who support it—has long helped to preserve the natural beauty of the Lone Star State by contributing vital funding and support for Texas wildlife conservation efforts.

During the month of August, businesses, organizations, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and individuals from across our state and nation come together to highlight the importance of shooting-sports activities and to promote a culture of safety and responsibility. At this time, I commend your dedication to preserving the legacy of the shooting sports in the Lone Star State, and I encourage Texans to safely participate in hunting and shooting sports.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you the best.



In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 20th day of July, 2022.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas