



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms, and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and heritage of Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt and his fellow founding members of his hunting and habitat conservation club wrote in their 1887 founding charter that shooting sports “promote manly sport with the rifle,” “promote travel and exploration in the wild and unknown . . . portions of the country,” and encourage “preservation of the large game of this country;” and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has preserved Florida’s natural resources by securing more than \$1.25 billion for the preservation of land through the Florida Forever Program, conserving nearly 260,000 acres of habitat for native fauna to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis signed legislation in 2023 to provide constitutional carry in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is tasked to conserve fish, wildlife, and natural habitats, and to help state efforts to conserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, FWC hunter education courses cover the knowledge, skills, and attitude needed to be a safe hunter, and offer opportunities to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the FWC is committed to safely supporting the needs of recreational target shooters, hunters, and hunter safety students, and manages 11 shooting ranges across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 2024 as *Shooting Sports Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of August, in the year two thousand twenty-four.



Governor