# Proclamation

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## Andy Beshear Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



### To MI To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Hunting and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Increasing access to education about shooting sports provides the opportunity for individuals to safely learn to shoot and thereby responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Kentuckians, 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, This industry contributed as much as \$964 million to the Kentucky economy in 2023 and supported nearly 5000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky received more than \$16.8 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim August 2024, as

#### SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 233<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

ANDY BESHEAR GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams Secretary of State