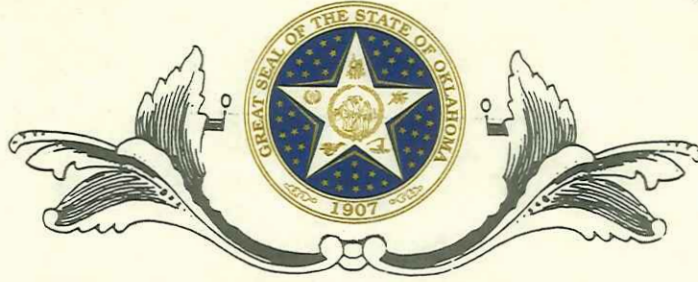


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Oklahoma; and

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

**Whereas**, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also the teaching of principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and

**Whereas**, hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans, 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 more than \$609.9 million to the Oklahoma economy in 2023 and supported 2,980 jobs; and

**Whereas**, those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$9.4 million in funding for Oklahoma wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2023; and

**Whereas**, in August 2024, 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, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim August 2024, as

**"Oklahoma Shooting Sports Month"**

in the State of Oklahoma

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this twenty-ninth day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixteenth year.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR