



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

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

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

Whereas, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also teaches principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety and responsible firearm use;

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of Utah residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year;

Whereas, sportsmen and women and recreationalist dollars from license fees, a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment and handguns, apportioned to Utah resulted in over \$22.7 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat and hunter education in Utah 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;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare August 2024 as

Shooting Sports Month in Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spencer J. Cox', is written over a white background.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor