

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Arkansas;

WHEREAS: Increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunities to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting;

WHEREAS: Hundreds of thousands of Arkansans, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year;

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;

WHEREAS: The firearm and ammunition industry contributed more than \$2.25 billion to the Arkansas economy in 2023 and supported 8,305 jobs;

WHEREAS: Those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$16.9 million in funding for Arkansas wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson Act; 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, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as

"SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH IN ARKANSAS"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Att

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State