



WHEREAS, hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Colorado; 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, Colorado Parks and Wildlife 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; and

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

WHEREAS, hunting and the shooting sports contributed almost \$1.3 billion to the Colorado economy in 2023; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women and recreationalist dollars from license fees, a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment, and handguns, apportioned to Colorado resulted in over \$32.3 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat, and hunter education in Colorado 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;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2024, as

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of August, 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Jared Polis
Governor