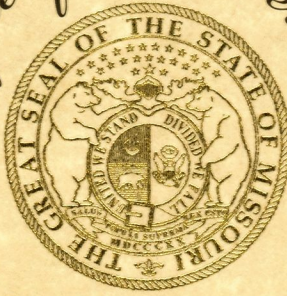


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunity to safely learn to shoot and increases public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation is responsible for managing and conserving wildlife and teaching of principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Missourians 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 \$1.83 billion to the Missouri economy in 2023 and supported 9,039 jobs; and

WHEREAS, those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$21.6 million in funding for Missouri 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, spotlight shooting sports activities, and promote a culture of safety and responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim August 2024 to be

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 29th day of March, 2024.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft

SECRETARY OF STATE