

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, Mississippians, 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, this industry contributed as much as \$1.30 billion to the Mississippi economy in 2023 and supported nearly 5,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi received more than \$6.5 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2024 as

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 19th day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

Handwritten signature of Tate Reeves in blue ink.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR