



**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH**

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of North Carolina; 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, millions of North Carolinians, 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, North Carolina received more than \$27.6 million in funding for 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 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, MARK K. ROBINSON, Lieutenant Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2024, as "**NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH**" in North Carolina and encourage all North Carolinians to enjoy time at the range to experience the excitement, education, and tradition of the shooting sports.

In Witness Whereof
I have hereunto affixed my hand.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. K. Robinson", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark K. Robinson
Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina