

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Nebraska; 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,

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission 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 Nebraska residents of all ages participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS,

Hunting and shooting sports contributed over \$1 billion dollars to the Nebraska economy in 2023; and

WHEREAS,

Sportsmen and women—and recreational dollars from license fees and a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment, and handguns apportioned to Nebraska—resulted in almost \$19 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat, and hunter education in Nebraska 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.

NOW THEREFORE,

I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HERBY PROCLAIM the month of August 2024 as

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-second Day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-four.



Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor