

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** hunting, firearms, and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** increasing access to education and shooting sports provides the opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources 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 West Virginia residents, 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,** the firearm and ammunition industry contributed as much as \$262 million to West Virginia's economy in 2023 and supported 1,500 jobs; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia received more than \$5 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2023.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *August 2024* as:


National Shooting Sports Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Second day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State