

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

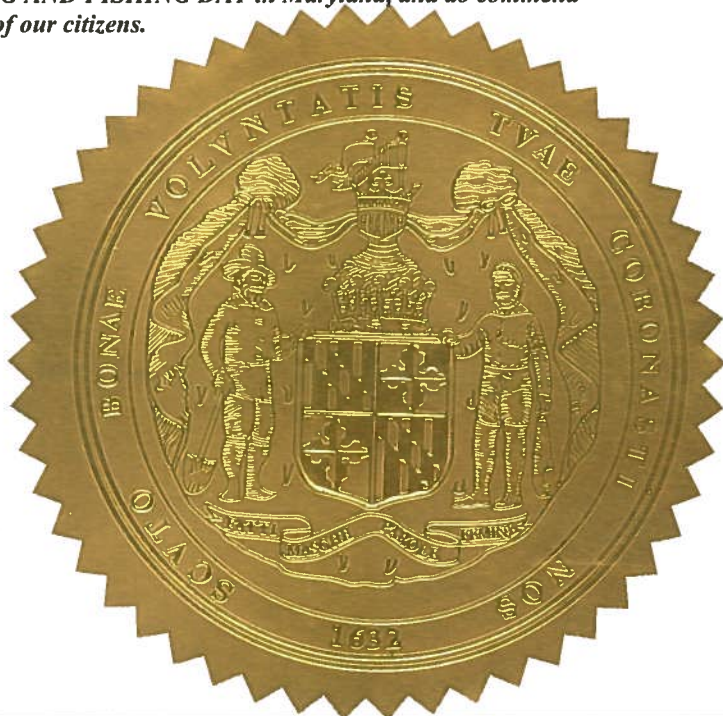
From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and fishing, that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Hunting and angling are important for wildlife management and are an important component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the state; and*
- WHEREAS,** *These activities offer participants an opportunity to have food security, connect with nature, and experience associated health benefits; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources with a goal of conserving and responsibly enjoying fish, wildlife, and their habitats; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland's sportsmen and women directly fund national and state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources, including an approach that is widely recognized as one of the most successful models for funding fish and wildlife management in the world; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Last year alone, Maryland's sportsmen and women generated \$24.49 million to support the conservation efforts of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; and*
- WHEREAS,** *445,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$815 million while engaged in their recreational pursuits; and*
- WHEREAS,** *This spending supports over 10,700 jobs in Maryland and generates \$84 million in state and local taxes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 25, 2021** as **NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY** in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 25th day of September
Two Thousand and twenty-one



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Wabnitz
Secretary of State