



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Tennessee; 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, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency 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, millions of Tennesseans, 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 \$1.07 billion to Tennessee's economy in 2020 and supported 7,779 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee received more than \$19.33 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in August 2021, 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, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

National Shooting Sports Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-second day of June, 2021.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State

