



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and

WHEREAS, hunting and angling continue to be an integral component of the cultural fabric of communities throughout the Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's hunting and fishing enthusiasts were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and together we have strengthened the focus on the conservation and sustainability of wildlife and its habitat; and

WHEREAS, TWRA is funded, in part, by sportsmen and women, through the American System of Conservation Funding - a "user pays - public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model for funding fish and wildlife management; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Tennessee's sportsmen and women generated \$125,534,049 by supporting the conservation efforts of TWRA; and

WHEREAS, 1,826,872 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through their spending; contributing to the \$11.9 billion spent on outdoor activities in Tennessee last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2024 as

Hunting and Fishing Day

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 seventeenth day of September 2024.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Dargatz in blue ink.

Secretary of State