

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By His Excellency*  
*Christopher T. Sununu, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen

**NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHING AND HUNTING DAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire 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**, New Hampshire's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Fish and Game Department to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and through their license fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, to this day, the Fish and Game Department is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through the American System of Conservation Funding - a "user pays - public benefits" - which last year alone generated \$17.1 million through this System to support the conservation efforts of the Fish and Game Department; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire's 247,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$270 million while engaged in their pursuits, which supports over 4,500 jobs in New Hampshire and generates \$31.5 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, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2017 as **HUNTING AND FISHING DAY** in the State of New Hampshire and call this day to the attention of all citizens.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.



*Christopher T. Sununu*

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