

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio 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**, Ohio's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources 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**, last year alone, Ohio's sportsmen and women generated \$57,757,657 through this System to support the conservation efforts of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's 1.56 million hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$2.76 billion while engaged in their pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, this spending supports over 46,000 jobs in Ohio and generates \$301 million in state and local taxes; and

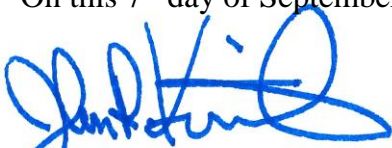
**WHEREAS**, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize Saturday, September 23, 2017 as**

**NATIONAL HUNTING  
AND FISHING DAY**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us recognizing the many and varied social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017;



John R. Kasich  
Governor



Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

