

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and fishing that dates back further than the state itself, which carries forward to this day.
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to conserve fish and wildlife habitats and help fund state efforts to preserve and protect healthy and sustainable natural resources through license fees; and
- WHEREAS:** Upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, hunters and anglers supported self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and
- WHEREAS:** To this day, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is funded primarily by hunters and anglers through a "user pays – public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as a successful model of fish and wildlife management; and
- WHEREAS:** Last year alone, hunters and anglers generated at least \$70 million to support the conservation efforts of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's 703,000 hunters and anglers support by contributing more than \$929 million to the local economy, which accounts for over 14,769 Oregon jobs; and
- WHEREAS:** National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their role in encouraging exploration of Oregon's outdoors and for their contributions to fish and wildlife conservation.

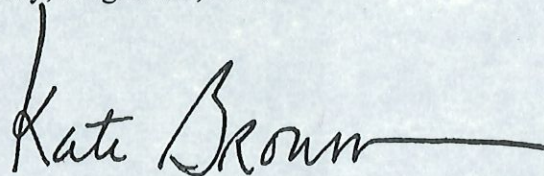
**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 23, 2017** to be

**NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 31, 2017.



Kate Brown, Governor



Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State

