



Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunters, anglers and trappers were among the first conservationists who supported the establishment of agencies to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and help fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, hunters, anglers and trappers have supported excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional funds to support restoration; and

WHEREAS, this user pay – public benefit system began 75 years ago with the passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act in 1937 and was bolstered with the passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1950; and

WHEREAS, the combined contribution of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs to state fish and wildlife agencies exceeds \$13 billion since 1939 which collectively constitute the American System of Conservation Funding;

WHEREAS, the manufacturers of hunting, fishing, and boating equipment have supported the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs and continue to exhibit a spirit of cooperation with the state fish and wildlife agencies; and

WHEREAS, this cooperative partnership has resulted in the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world, restoring populations throughout the country;

Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 3-9, 2012 in honor of the

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDLIFE AND SPORTFISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this ninth day of
April, 2012*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

*John Hickenlooper
Governor*

