

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Vermont 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,** Vermont's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife 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,** to this day, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through this American System of Conservation Funding, a "user pays – public benefits" approach, which is widely recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and

**WHEREAS,** last year alone, Vermont's sportsmen and women generated \$15.6 million through this system to support the conservation efforts of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's 191,567 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$425 million annually while engaged in their pursuits; and

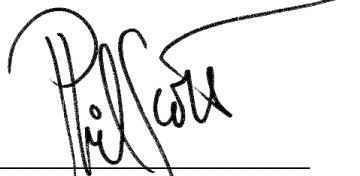
**WHEREAS,** National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2018 as

**HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21st day of September, A.D. 2018



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



Jaye Pershing Johnson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs