

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

WHEREAS, Vermont's sportsmen and women generated \$15.6 million through this System in 2018 to support the conservation efforts of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's 164,000 hunters and anglers support our economy by spending more than \$440 million while engaged in their pursuits, supporting nearly 7,000 jobs and generating nearly \$50 million in state and local tax revenue; and

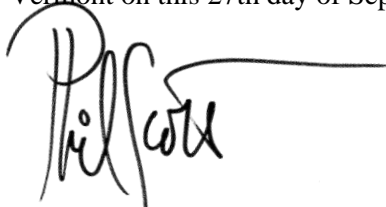
WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 by Congress to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 28, 2019 as

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of September, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs