



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hawaii has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat; and

WHEREAS, through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, fishing tackle and motorboat fuels, sportsmen and women help raise additional conservation funds; and

WHEREAS, they used the American System of Conservation Funding, an approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, over \$8 million dollars in federal funding was made available to Hawai'i for wildlife and sport fish restoration programs, and to support the conservation efforts of the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to recognize hunters and anglers for their contributions to fish and wildlife conservation; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2021 as

"HUNTING AND FISHING DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the many varied benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and fishing.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of September 2021.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i