

## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, dating back further than the State's founding and carried forward to this day; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to conserve fish, wildlife, and habitat, and through their licensing fees, helped fund state efforts to provide natural resources; and
- WHEREAS: Upon realizing that license fees were insufficient to reliably sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women also supported self-imposed excise taxes on sporting equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and
- WHEREAS: To this day, the Department of Natural Resources is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through the American System of Conservation Funding, a system recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Last year alone, Minnesota's sportsmen and women generated over \$96 million through this system to support the efforts of the Department of Natural Resources; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's 1.6 million hunters and anglers support the state's economy by spending more than \$3.2 billion annually, ultimately supporting 48,000 jobs and generating \$358 million in state and local taxes; and
- WHEREAS: National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their contributions to conservation, and to our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 2018, as:

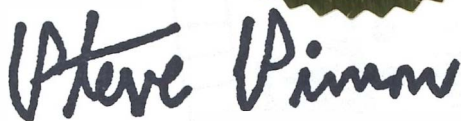
## MINNESOTA HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE