

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** hunting, firearms, and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** increasing access to education and shooting sports provides the opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also teaches principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and
- Whereas,** hundreds of thousands of West Virginia residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and
- Whereas,** sportsmen and hunters teach others to understand the responsibilities of owning and using a firearm, while also working to ensure that our natural resources are safeguarded; and
- Whereas,** the firearm and ammunition industry contributed as much as \$254.77 million to West Virginia's economy in 2022 and supported 1,695 jobs; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia received more than \$13.17 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2022; and
- Whereas,** in August 2023, organizations, businesses and others will come together to recognize *National Shooting Sports Month* and to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans and to continue to promote a culture of safety and responsibility.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *August 2023* as:


National Shooting Sports Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State