

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also the teaching of principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Kansans, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen, sportswomen 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 more than \$460 million to the Kansas economy in 2024 and supported 1,632 jobs; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women and recreationalist dollars from license fees, a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment and handguns, apportioned to Kansas through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act also known as the Pittman-Robertson Act, help fund a large portion of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; and

WHEREAS, in August 2025, 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, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, August 2025, as

National Shooting Sports Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
August 2025

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*

*Justin Schuch*  
Secretary of State

*Sandy Tompkins*  
Assistant Secretary of State