

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, firearms ownership, hunting, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of our great nation and the State of Mississippi; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, 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, Mississippians, 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 more than \$1.3 billion to the Mississippi economy in 2024 and nearly 5,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, those engaged in the shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$23.3 million in funding for Mississippi wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2024; and

WHEREAS, in August 2025, organizations, businesses, and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month, to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans, and to continue to promote a culture of safety and responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby recognize August 2025 as

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our residents to safely participate in hunting and shooting sports.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 14th day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fiftieth.



TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR