

**Whereas**, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Oklahoma; 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 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation 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 Oklahomans, 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 \$552.7 million to the Oklahoma economy in 2024 and supported 2,713 jobs; 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;

**Row Therefore,** I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim August 2025, as

## "Oklahoma Shooting Sports Month"

in the State of Oklahoma

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

