

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunting and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of South Carolina; 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, South Carolinians, 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, this industry contributed as much as \$1.2 billion to the South Carolina economy in 2024 and supported nearly 5,800 jobs; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina received more than \$14.8 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2025 as

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to enjoy time at the range to experience the excitement, education, and tradition of the shooting sports and celebrate the industry's contributions to our state.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry Dargan McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA