

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of South Dakota; 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 South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife but also for teaching principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and,

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of South Dakota residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and,

Whereas, hunting and the shooting sports contributed over \$420 million dollars to the South Dakota economy in 2024; and,

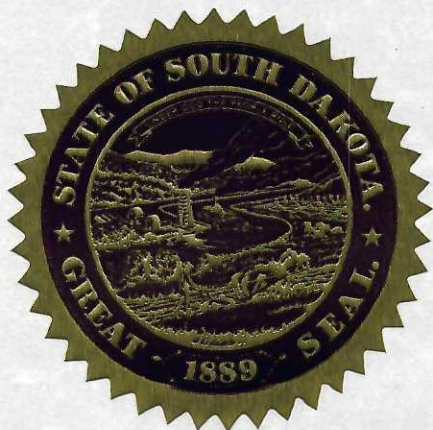
Whereas, sportsmen and women help fund a large portion of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department through their recreation; and,

Whereas, in August 2025, South Dakotans, organizations, businesses, and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans:

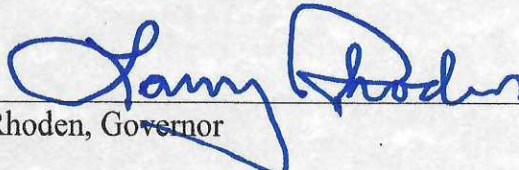
Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 2025, as

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH


in South Dakota and encourage the people of South Dakota to safely participate in hunting and shooting sports.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.


Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:


Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State