

*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 teaches 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,

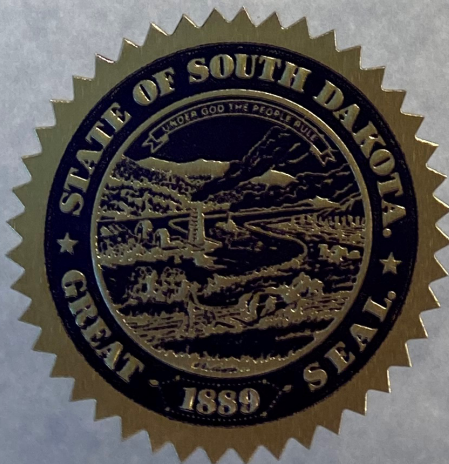
*Whereas*, hunting and the shooting sports contributed over \$350 million to the South Dakota economy in 2021; and,

*Whereas*, sportsmen and women and recreationalist dollars from license fees, a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment and handguns, apportioned to South Dakota resulted in over \$10 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat and hunter education in South Dakota in 2021:

*Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 2022, as

*NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH*

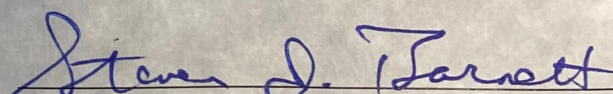
in South Dakota.



*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 Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

  
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

  
Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State