

Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunters, anglers, and trappers were among the first conservationists who supported the establishment of agencies to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats, and to help fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, hunters, anglers, and trappers have supported excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment to raise additional funds to support restoration; and

WHEREAS, this system of user pay for public benefit began with the passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act in 1937, and was bolstered with the passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1950; and

WHEREAS, last year alone, sportsmen and sportswomen in Colorado generated more than 96 million dollars in revenue through this system of conservation funding to support the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturers of hunting, fishing, and boating equipment have supported the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs and continue to exhibit a spirit of cooperation with the state fish and wildlife agencies; and

WHEREAS, this cooperative partnership has resulted in a successful model of fish and wildlife management, restoring wildlife populations and their habitats throughout the country;

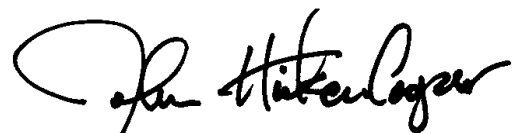
Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2017 as

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-third day of September, 2017




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor