

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Arizona has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and  
**WHEREAS**, Arizona's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Arizona Game and Fish Department to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and through their license fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and  
**WHEREAS**, upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and  
**WHEREAS**, to this day, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through this American System of Conservation Funding – a “user pays – public benefits” approach that is widely recognized as the most successful System of fish and wildlife management in the world; and  
**WHEREAS**, last year alone, Arizona's sportsmen and women generated \$53,799,168 through this System to support the conservation efforts of the Arizona Game and Fish Department; and  
**WHEREAS**, Arizona's 786,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy through spending more than \$1.2 billion while engaged in their pursuits; and  
**WHEREAS**, this spending supports over 18,220 jobs in Arizona and generates \$131,755,796 in state and local taxes; and  
**WHEREAS**, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016 as**

**HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

and I further recognize the many and varied social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

*Michelle Reagan*

SECRETARY OF STATE

