

RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, our water and natural resources are the foundation of our economy and way of life in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, I signed Executive Order 19-12 to implement major reforms to ensure protection of our environment and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Bold Vision for a Brighter Future budget invests more than \$625 million for the protection of Florida's valuable water resources, putting us on track to invest more than \$2.5 billion over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, our hunters and anglers play a prominent role in supporting the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's efforts to ensure future generations can enjoy Florida's natural resources: and

WHEREAS, freshwater and saltwater fishing bring further prosperity to our state by contributing \$8.3 billion to Florida's economy and supporting more than 110,800 jobs, and hunting generates \$1.6 billion every year to Florida's economy and supports more than 14,600 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Florida will continue to fight for its hunters and anglers as we work together to save our waterways; and

WHEREAS, first established in 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day in Florida recognizes the noteworthy contributions of our hunters and anglers; and

WHEREAS, Floridians are encouraged to work together to preserve our natural resources and ensure that Florida's hunters and anglers have access to clean waters, abundant fisheries, and thriving wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 28, 2019, as *National Hunting and Fishing Day in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 28th day of September, in the year two thousand nineteen.

Governor