BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

WHEREAS: Hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of the Great State of Georgia; 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: Millions of Georgians, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS: Sportsmen and hunters teach others to understand the responsibilities of owning and using a firearm, while also working to ensure natural resources are safeguarded; and

WHEREAS: The firearm and ammunition industry contributed as much as $2.13 billion to the Georgia economy in 2020 and supported 10,763 jobs; and

WHEREAS: Georgia received more than $21.1 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2020; and

WHEREAS: Spotlighting shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans will continue to promote a culture of safety and responsibility; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF