



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Millions of law-abiding Georgians, young and old, participate in hunting and other shooting sports annually; and
- WHEREAS:** Target shooting, one of America's favorite pastimes, is a safe and fun activity; and
- WHEREAS:** Shooting sports programs, and instruction by trained family members and mentors, affirm the role of local communities as the primary teacher of the rule of law and personal responsibility; and
- WHEREAS:** Sportsmen and hunters teach others to understand the responsibilities of owning and using a firearm while also working to ensure that our natural resources are safeguarded; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2018, those engaged in shooting sports and hunting contributed more than \$20 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition; and
- WHEREAS:** The shooting sports industry contributes greatly to Georgia's economy by generating more than \$1.6 billion in total economic activity in the Peach State, and supports more than 9,000 jobs; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2019 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 26th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF