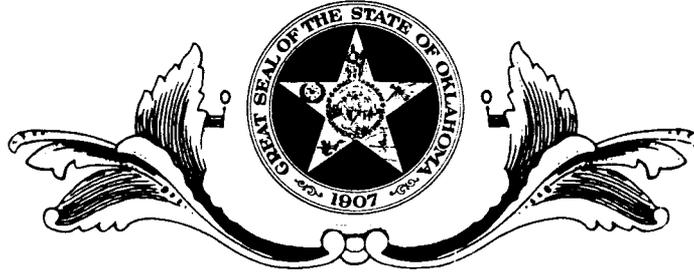


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, that dates back before statehood; and

Whereas, Oklahoma's sportsmen and -women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) to manage and protect fish, wildlife and their habitats; and

Whereas, hunters and anglers have supported taxes and special fees on their equipment to help pay for wildlife and fish management, habitat restoration and other conservation programs; and

Whereas, ODWC remains a non-appropriated state agency, funded directly and indirectly by hunting and fishing license sales; and

Whereas, Oklahoma's roughly 700,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy by spending more than \$1.5 billion while engaged in their pursuits; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize the varied social, cultural, economic and ecological benefits of Oklahoma's time honored traditions;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2016, as

### "Hunting and Fishing Day"

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

*[Signature]*

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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