

STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

Whereas, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to recognize the contributions of hunters and anglers to conservation; and

Whereas, since the turn of the 20th century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs and are responsible for the founding of the State Fish and Game Departments in all 50 states; and

Whereas, it is the mission of the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife to conserve native fish and wildlife populations and their habitats and to recognize the need for their wise stewardship; and

Whereas, as individuals and through their organizations, hunters and anglers have supported Delaware's fish and wildlife resources, the state's economy, and have volunteered countless hours of their time for local conservation projects and to raise funds for conservation; and

Whereas, this year marks the 100th anniversary of fish and wildlife conservation in Delaware; and

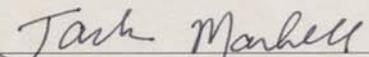
Whereas, on National Hunting and Fishing Day we celebrate outdoor activities and the conservation of our fish and wildlife resources in the First State.

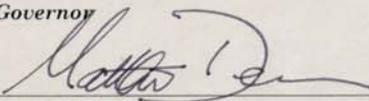
*Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matt Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare September 24th, 2011*

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all citizens to join with hunters and anglers and other conservationists in their efforts to ensure the wise use and proper management of our natural resources to benefit future generations.




Jack A. Markell
Governor


Matthew Denn
Lieutenant Governor