STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF
NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

Whereas, National Hunting and Fishing Day celebrated annually on the last Saturday of September, was established in 1972 to recognize the contributions of hunters and anglers to conservation; and

Whereas, hunters and anglers provide the majority of funding for wildlife and fishery conservation in the United States and in Delaware by purchasing recreational hunting and fishing licenses, as well as through dedicated federal excise taxes paid when purchasing hunting and fishing equipment; and

Whereas, every dollar of state license revenue brings in three dollars of federal funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program; and

Whereas, Delaware's nearly 17,000 licensed recreational hunters and over 82,000 licensed recreational anglers generate $9.95 million in license revenues and matching federal funds each year to be used for wildlife and fish management and research, habitat restoration and management, acquisition and management of public wildlife areas, construction and maintenance of public boat ramps and fishing areas, and providing general public access; and

Whereas, hunters and anglers contribute to Delaware's economy through spending at local sporting goods stores, as well as restaurants, hotels, gas stations, convenience stores and other businesses – resulting in more than $210 million in economic activity each year that supports nearly 1,900 Delaware jobs; and

Whereas, hunting and fishing is a good investment that will help sustain and grow Delaware's economy while supporting our conservation efforts and goals; and

Whereas, Delawareans and visitors are encouraged to enjoy Delaware's many outdoor activities and to celebrate the conservation of our wildlife and fish resources, not just on National Hunting and Fishing Day, but every day.

Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare September 27th – October 3rd, 2014

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING WEEK IN DELAWARE

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

Jack Markell

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Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

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