

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### WILD GAME MEAT DONATION MONTH NOVEMBER 2024

WHEREAS, hunting in North Dakota is enshrined in the state Constitution, offering opportunities to connect with nature while providing food security and nutrition to hunters, their families and those less fortunate through community-based Hunters for the Hungry (HFH) programs; and

WHEREAS, 66,310 North Dakota residents - including 1 in 7 children - struggle with food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the Sportsmen Against Hunger program launched in cooperation with the North Dakota Game & Fish Department (GFD) is hunters' common-sense answer to fighting hunger, tapping into hunting's role as an integral cultural component of North Dakota communities; and

WHEREAS, recent NRA Hunters' Leadership Forum research shows that while American hunters share 119 million pounds of harvested game meat with others outside their households each year, many meat processors involved in HFH programs in 2022 did not receive enough donated game meat to fulfill their missions; and

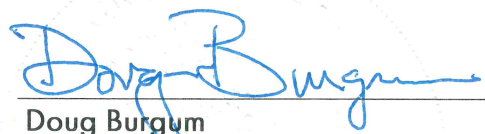
WHEREAS, the North Dakota GFD is funded largely by hunters through the "user pays, public benefits" system known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, resulting in \$14,239,414 in Pittman-Robertson funding going back to the State of North Dakota in 2024 alone for its critical wildlife and habitat conservation programs; and

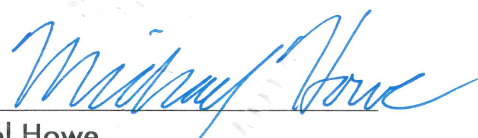
WHEREAS, promoting the North Dakota tradition of sharing our wild game harvests takes on even greater significance as we strive to protect hunting's future and increase its cultural acceptance while promoting it as a food source, a right and a vital wildlife management tool; and

WHEREAS, the NRA has declared November Wild Game Meat Donation Month to encourage all hunters across America to donate surplus game meat to support those in our local communities who struggle with food insecurity.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
November 2024, **WILD GAME MEAT DONATION MONTH**  
in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE