

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, hunting in Oklahoma 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 programs; and

Whereas, Feeding America reports that 745,130 Oklahomans statewide struggle with food insecurity, an issue exacerbated by rising food costs; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Hunters Against Hunger program, launched in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC), is hunters' common-sense answer to fighting hunger, tapping into hunting's role as an integral cultural component of Oklahoma communities; and

Whereas, the Donated Agriculture and Wild Game Foods Act of 2024 instructs the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry to establish a special licensing program to support the ODWC's Hunters Against Hunger program, ensuring any person, nonprofit or charitable organization providing processing services of donated wild game for a nonprofit organization or the ODWC shall not be liable for civil or criminal penalties due to the nature, age, condition or packaging of the donated food, unless an injury or death is caused by gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct; and

Whereas, recent NRA Hunters' Leadership Forum research shows while American hunters share 119 million pounds of harvested game meat with others outside their households annually, many meat processors are not receiving enough donated game meat to fulfill their HFH missions; and

Whereas, promoting the Oklahoma 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 and its millions of members recognize November as National Wild Game Meat Donation Month and encourage all hunters to donate surplus game meat and financially support local HFH programs as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and the season of giving; and

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim November 2025, as

"Wild Game Meat Donation Month"

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 first day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventeenth year.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR