

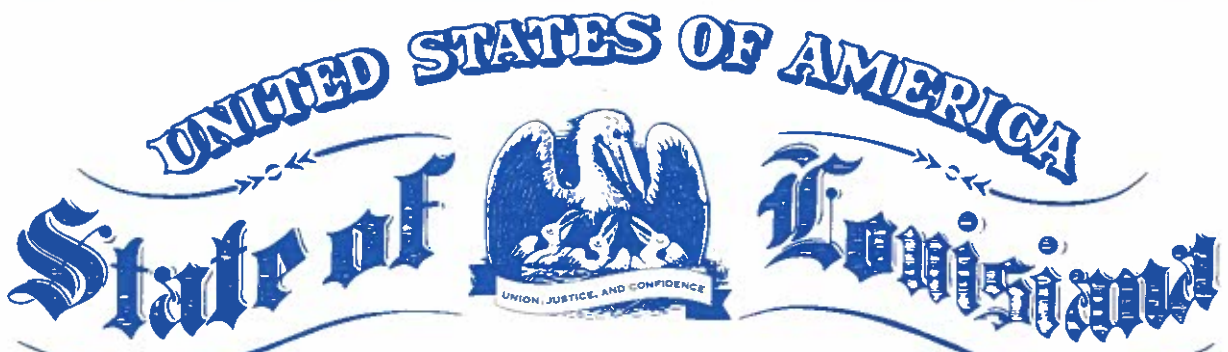


**Jeff Landry**  
GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** hunting in Louisiana 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;
- WHEREAS,** and encourage all Louisianians to increase their understanding and awareness of food insecurity and how it impacts our nation, state, county and communities;
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Hunters for the Hungry program, launched in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), is hunters' common-sense answer to fighting hunger, tapping into hunting's role as an integral cultural component of Louisiana communities;
- WHEREAS,** recent NRA Hunters' Leadership Forum research shows that while American hunters share 119 million pounds of harvested game meat with others outside of their households each year, many meat processors involved in HFH programs in 2022 did not receive enough donated game meat to fulfill their missions;
- WHEREAS,** the LDWF is funded largely by hunters through the "user pays, public benefits" system known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, resulting in \$20,173,757 in Pittman-Robertson funding going back to the State of Louisiana in 2024 alone for its critical wildlife and habitat conservation programs;
- WHEREAS,** promoting the Louisiana tradition of sharing our wild game harvests takes on even greater significance as we strive to protect the future of hunting and increase its cultural acceptance while promoting it as a food source, a right and a vital wildlife management tool;
- WHEREAS,** the First Lady and I believe hunger is a problem we can help to solve together through Hunters for the Hungry initiatives so that one day hunger no longer exists in our state;





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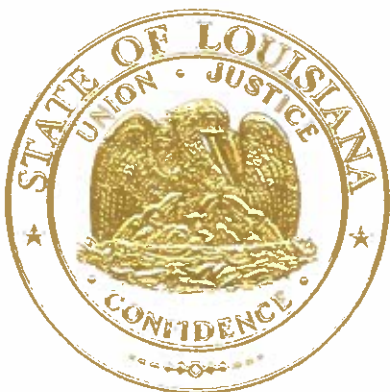
the NRA and its millions of members have declared November, Wild Game Meat Donation Month across the country and encourage all hunters to do the same while donating surplus game meat and financially supporting local HFH programs as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and the season of giving;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 2024 to be

### **Wild Game Meat Donation Month**

In the State of Louisiana and encourage all Louisianians to increase their understanding and awareness of food insecurity and how it impacts our nation, state, county and communities.



*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana at the Capitol in the city of Baton Rouge on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November A.D. 2024.*

  
Governor of Louisiana