

# GOVERNOR GRANHOLM – SUPPORTING SPORTSMEN and WOMEN’S RIGHTS

Governor Granholm strongly supports Second Amendment rights and believes that hunting and fishing are unique parts of Michigan’s world class quality of life. During the past four years, Governor Granholm has signed every piece of pro-hunting and pro-firearm legislation that reached her desk.

## **Hunting:**

- Signed legislation to repeal the antiquated Sunday hunting bans in Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Tuscola, St. Clair and Lenawee counties.
- Signed legislation to allowed dove hunting in Michigan for the first time in over 90 years.
- Supports Proposal 1, along with Lieutenant Governor John Cherry, who is a co-chair of the campaign. Proposal 1 will provide constitutional protection for the Michigan game and fish protection fund, Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund, and Michigan non-game fish and wildlife fund, so Michigan’s sportsmen and women will know that their dollars will always go to support conservation.
- Signed legislation to prohibit computer assisted shooting of animals with a firearm or a bow and arrow.
- Established a program to allow Michigan hunters to donate to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program at the time of a hunting license sale.
- Encouraged more youth, women and other non-traditional hunters to try hunting through signing legislation that creates an apprentice-hunting license program. This program allows people to hunt under direct supervision of a licensed adult hunter before completing hunter education training. In addition, the Governor supported lowering the hunting age for children hunting with an adult to help recruit more youth into hunting.
- Reduced property taxes for hunting preserves, by signing legislation to classify them as agricultural property. This will keep more land open for hunting, and more land in conservation protecting habitat as well as hunting land.
- The Granholm-Cherry Team has been recognized across the state by conservation groups for leadership in bringing conservation to the forefront of their administration.
  - Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy – Governmental Partner of the Year 2004

- Michigan Forest Products Council – For Defending Michigan’s Forests 2005
- Flint Regional Chapter of the Safari Club - 2004 Legislator of the Year
- Michigan United Conservation Clubs – 2004 Conservationist of the Year

**Firearms:**

- The Governor supported the creation of the “Self- Defense Act” to ensure that people are allowed to protect their home, their family and their life when attacked with deadly force.
- Streamlined the process of owning and licensing of a firearm including a concealed weapons permit by:
  - Exempting antique firearms from requiring a pistol license for purchasing, transporting, inspection, licensing or carrying.
  - Allowing for carrying a concealed weapon in an area frequented by game if an individual has a concealed weapon permit.
  - Creating uniform language for concealed weapon certificate of completion.

**Shooting Ranges and Lead Abatement:**

Lieutenant Governor Cherry led a partnership with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, to develop a regulatory framework under which shooting ranges can employ lead abatement, prevention, and protection measures, and remain operational.

The new framework protects Michigan’s proud heritage of sport shooting by:

- Encouraging shooting ranges to work with DEQ on lead abatement strategies
- Calling upon ranges and range managers to file lead abatement plans with the DEQ
- Provides legal protection for ranges who are working under an abatement plan from undue oversight and enforcement measures.
- Provides technical expertise to shooting ranges who wish to establish a lead management plan. The Michigan United Conservation Clubs, our partner in this effort, have hired technical experts to assist ranges as they attempt to manage a variety of environmental issues. This program is funded by a grant, made available by the MDEQ.