



## FIGHTING FOR SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN

- **Repealed Antiquated Hunting Bans.** Governor Granholtm signed legislation to repeal the antiquated Sunday hunting bans in Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Tuscola, St. Clair and Lenawee counties
- **Supports Proposal to Protect Conservation Efforts.** Along with the Lt. Gov. John Cherry, who is co-chair of the campaign, Governor Granholtm supports Proposal 1, which 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 permitting dollars will always go to support conservation.
- **Opposed Computer-Assisted Hunting.** Governor Granholtm signed legislation to prohibit any computer-assisted shooting of animals with a firearm or bow and arrow.
- **Promotes Sportsmen Against Hunger.** Governor Granholtm established a program to allow Michigan hunters to donate to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program at the time as purchasing a hunting license. Sportsmen Against Hunger has been working since 1991 to create linkages between donors, wild game processors, and charities to provide food to our most vulnerable citizens.
- **Encouraged Youth and Women to Hunt.** Governor Granholtm signed legislation to encourage more youth, women and other non-traditional hunters to take up the sport by creating an apprentice-hunting license program. This program allows people to hunt under the direct supervision of a licensed adult hunter before completing hunter-education training. In addition, the Governor supported lowering the hunting age for children accompanied by an adult.
- **Protected Hunting Land.** Governor Granholtm reduced property taxes for hunting preserves by signing legislation to classify them as agricultural property. This will protect land for habitats while opening more land for hunting.
- **Supported Self Defense Legislation.** Governor Granholtm supported and signed into law 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 Licensing and Permitting Process for Firearms.** Governor Granholm worked to exempt antique firearms from requiring a pistol license for purchasing, transporting, inspection, licensing or carrying. The Governor also made it possible for hunters to carry a concealed weapon in an area frequented by game if an individual has a concealed weapon permit.
- **Providing Assistance for Lead Abatement at Shooting Ranges.** Under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Cherry, and in partnership with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the State has devised a regulatory framework under which shooting ranges can employ lead abatement, prevention, and protection measures. Technical expertise is made available to shooting ranges who wish to establish a lead management plan.
- **Authorized the Re-opening of Dove Hunting Season.** Governor Granholm signed legislation to allow dove hunting in Michigan for the first time in over 90 years.
- **Recognized Across the State for Conservation Leadership.** The Granholm-Cherry Team has been recognized across the state by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, the Michigan Forest Products Council, Flint Regional Chapter of the Safari Club and the Michigan United Conservation Club for its leadership in bringing conservation to the forefront of their administration.