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Legislator Diaz Salutes Efforts Of United Sportsmen Of Rockland For Organizing Educational National Hunting & Fishing Event

New City, NY (Sept. 24) – In recognition of Saturday’s National Hunting & Fishing Day, Rockland County Legislator Richard Diaz salutes the efforts of the United Sportsmen Association of Rockland for organizing the local activities in Congers.

“National Hunting and Fishing Day offers an opportunity for people with little to no experience in the Great Outdoors to learn more about the many activities that can be responsibly enjoyed,” Diaz said.

“I also want to recognize and thank the organizers and participants for their efforts to educate the public about responsible conservation while teaching them about hunting, fishing and the environment,” Diaz said.

The first National Hunting & Fishing Day was proclaimed by President Richard Nixon in 1972 as a way of recognizing and promoting the outdoor sports and conservation.

Responsible local, state and national conservation programs have allowed populations of white-tailed deer, elk, antelope, wild turkey, wood ducks and other species to recover from previously unregulated harvests.

Local activities in celebration of National Hunting & Fishing Day are set to take place between 9.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday at Congers Lake Memorial Park, off Gilchrest Road.

According to Stan Pascoo, president of the United Sportsmen Association of Rockland, the family-friendly free event offers a chance to meet hunting dogs, make cane fishing poles and fish in the lake, enjoy demonstrations of fly fishing and archery, learn about foraging for wild food, and other activities.

Numerous organizations are set to participate, including Riverkeeper, the New York state Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Rockland County Departments of Health and Environmental Resources, outdoor forager Paul Tappenden, stormwater expert and naturalist Chuck Stead, and others.

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