



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as the United States of America's National Emblem on June 20, 1782, by our country's founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress. The Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values and attributes as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States and in the logos of many branches of the U. S. Government, including the Presidency, Congress, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department of Commerce and the U. S. Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle's image, meaning and symbolism have played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, religions, lifestyles and heritage of Americans from all walks of life, including U.S. military service men and women, American Indians, Christians and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsman, wildlife, political and sports organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle's image, meaning and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture and on United States stamps, currency and coinage; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was once endangered with possible extinction, yet is now making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was federally classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, and was upgraded to a less imperiled "threatened" status under that Act in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but it will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of the United States' Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2018, as

American Eagle Day

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to join us in support of the majestic Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our National Bird through the annual observance of American Eagle Day.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 1st day of May 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor