



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

- WHEREAS: On June 20, 1782, our nation's Founding Fathers designated the bald eagle as America's national emblem at the Second Continental Congress; and
- WHEREAS: The bald eagle is unique to North America and represents many American values and beliefs such as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, equality, and excellence; and
- WHEREAS: The image, meaning, and symbolism of the bald eagle have played a significant role in the traditions, culture, and heritage of Americans from all walks of life. It has influenced such areas as the arts, architecture, education, and commerce; and
- WHEREAS: Once endangered, the concerted efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens have led to the gradual recovery of bald eagles in our country; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2013, as AMERICAN EAGLE DAY and commend the efforts of those continuing to protect our national bird.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Cl. W. R.*

CHIEF OF STAFF