



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 American values and beliefs such as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice and excellence; 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 has on United States stamps, currency and coinage; and
- WHEREAS: The bald eagle was once endangered with possible extinction, and is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies. The concerted efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens have led to the gradual recovery of bald eagles in our country; and
- WHEREAS: The Department of Interior and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017, as AMERICAN EAGLE DAY and commend the efforts of those working 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 30th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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