



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, quality, and excellence; and
- WHEREAS: The bald eagle's image and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, and culture and have appeared on United States stamps, official documents, 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 diligent efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens have led to the recovery of bald eagle populations in our country; and
- WHEREAS: The Department of Interior and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service removed the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but the species continues to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and
- WHEREAS: In 2017, a record 218 bald eagle nests were documented in more than 60 Georgia counties. One-third of the nests are located in Georgia's six coastal counties; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2018, as AMERICAN EAGLE DAY in Georgia 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 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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