



Proclamation
Presented to

The American Eagle Foundation

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was designated as the U.S.A.'s national emblem on June 20, 1782 by our country's founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, bald eagles are unique to North America and represent American values and attributes such as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality and excellence; and

WHEREAS, our national bird is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States and in the logos of many branches of government; 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 from civic and fraternal to wildlife and sports organizations, as well as art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education and culture; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies as a result of federal protection status under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, which was implemented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of the U.S.A.'s bald eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2016 as

"AMERICAN EAGLE DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the majestic bald eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious national habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our national bird through the annual observance of American Eagle Day.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this thirty-first day of May 2016.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i