

Proclamation
In Recognition of
American Eagle Day

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1782, the bald eagle was designated as the official national symbol of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle is native to North America, a majestic symbol of strength, independence, faith and determination; and

WHEREAS, in Native American culture, bald eagles are highly revered and considered sacred within American Indian traditions, culture and religion; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle and its symbolism are reflected in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, and culture, and on U.S. stamps, currency, and coins; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle is the central image on the Great Seal of the United States, which is used by the federal government to seal certain official documents; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle are survivors, once classified as an endangered species in 1973 but has made a gradual and encouraging comeback; and

WHEREAS, the work of conservationists and environmentalists, and the efforts of organizations like the American Eagle Foundation have all contributed to the recovery of bald eagles; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle continues to soar high above purple mountains and fruited plains from sea to shining sea;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017 as

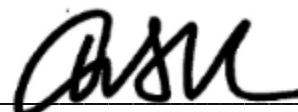
“AMERICAN EAGLE DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the successful recovery of our national bird, protect the precious natural habitats of the bald eagle, and commemorate the American ideals, values, qualities and heritage that it represents.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of May 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i