



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1782, the bald eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States of America by our founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle, unique to the North American continent, represents America's values and the attributes of Freedom, Courage, Strength, Spirit, Justice, Quality and Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Great Seal of the United States was designed with the bald eagle as its central image, and the bald eagle's symbolism is reflected in American art, music, literature, architecture, education, culture, and on United States stamps, currency and coinage; 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, including U.S. military service men and women, American Indians, Christians, and members of various civic, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation, educational, political and sports organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the bald eagle was federally classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act then upgraded to a less imperiled "threatened" status in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Department of Interior and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the bald eagle as an endangered species, but bald eagles will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of the bald eagle population in the United States was largely due to the vigilant efforts of numerous agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019 as

"AMERICAN EAGLE DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join the rest of the nation in observing American Eagle Day and support this majestic creature's continuing recovery and protect its precious natural habitat.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of May 2019.



JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i