



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

- WHEREAS:** The Bald Eagle was designated as the United State's National Emblem on June 20, 1782 by our Country's Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and
- WHEREAS:** The Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values and attributes as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality and excellence; and
- WHEREAS:** The Bald Eagle is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States and in the logos of many branches of the U.S. Government, including the Presidency, Congress, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department Of Commerce and U.S. Postal Service; 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 the U.S. military service men/women, American Indians, Christians, and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsman, wildlife, political, and sport organizations; 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 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; and
- WHEREAS:** The Bald Eagle was federally classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973. The Bald Eagle has been upgraded to a less imperiled "threatened" status under the Act in 1995; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department of the 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; and
- WHEREAS:** The recovery of the United States' Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2021 as AMERICAN EAGLE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF