



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

- WHEREAS:** On June 20, 1782, the Second Continental Congress designated the bald eagle as the national symbol of the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** The bald eagle is unique to North America and represents the American values of freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality, and commitment to excellence; and
- WHEREAS:** The symbolism of the bald eagle holds a significant role in American music, art, literature, commerce, education, and culture and commonly appears on United States stamps, official documents, currency, and coinage; and
- WHEREAS:** The bald eagle was once endangered, facing the possibility of extinction, but is making a gradual comeback to the American skies. Diligent efforts of various caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens have led to this remarkable recovery of bald eagle populations in our country; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department of Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed the bald eagle from the Endangered Species Acts protection in 2007. Now, the species is protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, 229 bald eagle nests were documented in more than 60 Georgia counties. One-third of these nests are in Georgias six counties bordering the coast; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2026, 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 16th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF