



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

- WHEREAS:** On June 20, 1782, our nation's Founding Fathers designated the bald eagle as the national emblem of America at the Second Continental Congress; 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 Act's 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 2017, 218 bald eagle nests were documented in more than 60 Georgia counties. One-third of these nests are in Georgia's six counties bordering the coast; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Tina K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF