

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as the U.S.A.'s National Emblem on June 20, 1782 by our 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was once endangered with possible extinction, and is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies, and the recovery of the U.S.A.'s Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2021 to be

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in Montana to support the majestic Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and recognize its symbolism to the American people.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor