STATE OF KANSAS

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as the U.S.A'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 State 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 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 it making a gradual and encouraging comeback to American's skies; and

WHERAS, the Bald Eagle was federally classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, and was 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 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, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby recognize June 20th, 2016, as

American Eagle Day

in Kansas and encourage all United States citizens to join us in support of the majestic Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemoration the living and symbolic presence of our National Bird through the annual observance of American Eagle Day.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 13th day of May, A.D. 2016

BY THE GOVERNOR: Sam Brownback

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State