

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as America'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 offices and departments of the United States Government, including the Presidency, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department of Commerce and the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle's image, meaning and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education and culture; on United States' stamps, currency and coinage; and in the beliefs, traditions, religions, lifestyles and heritage of Americans from all walks of life, including United States military service men and women, American Indians, religious groups, and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsman, wildlife, political and sports organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was federally classified as an "endangered species" in the Continental 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, and was upgraded to a less imperiled "threatened" status under that Act in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle from the Endangered Species Act's protection in 2007, it will continue to be protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of America's Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017 as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

and encourage citizens to join in support of the majestic Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our National Bird.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of May in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE