

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

June 20, 2017

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1782, at the Second Continental Congress, the bald eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States and represents such American values and attributes as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, equality, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, unique to North America, the bald eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States, and appears in the logos of many branches of the U.S. Government and on U.S. stamps, currency, and coin; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle's image 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 members, Native Americans, and members of various civic, fraternal, recreation, and advocacy organizations; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle and its symbolism are reflected in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was once in danger of extinction and is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, and will continue to protect the bald eagle under the Bald & Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of the United States' bald eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous conservation agencies, corporations, volunteer organizations, and citizens.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017, as AMERICAN EAGLE DAY. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to join in this observance in support of the majestic bald eagle's continuing recovery, the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our national bird.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighteenth day of May two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.

Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor

