



THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR



*To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is
presented to all observing:*

American Eagle Day

June 20, 2017

The bald eagle was designated as the National Emblem of the United States of America on June 20, 1782, by our country's Founding Fathers. Unique to North America, this majestic bird symbolizes traditional American values and attributes, such as strength, courage and freedom.

The bald eagle once faced possible extinction, and it continues to be protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act of 1940, but it has made a gradual and encouraging comeback to the American skies. Each June, a day is set aside to celebrate the living and symbolic presence of our National Bird.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to support the bald eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you the best.



In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 18th day of May, 2017.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas