



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, the bald eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States on June 20, 1782, by the Second Continental Congress;

Whereas, the bald eagle symbolizes the core attributes and values of our nation: freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, and excellence;

Whereas, imagery of the bald eagle permeates our culture and society, with the bald eagle being 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, Treasury Department, Justice Department, and State Department, among others;

Whereas, while the bald eagle was federally classified as an endangered species in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, it has made a comeback across the United States thanks to successful conservation efforts;

Whereas, bald eagles can be found at five locations in Utah: the Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area, Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area, Fountain Green State Fish Hatchery, Split Mountain/Green River area, and Rush Lake Ranch; and

Whereas, Utah residents are encouraged to learn about this majestic bird of prey and continue efforts to protect our national emblem, so future generations may enjoy the bald eagle—the American eagle—as it soars above our mountains and valleys;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare June 20, 2017, as

American Eagle Day in Utah

Gary R. Herbert
Governor