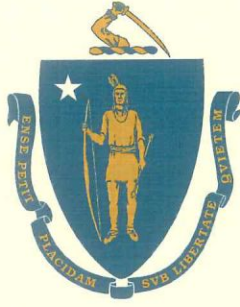


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas The Bald Eagle was designated as the United States of 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 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 and women, American Indians, Christians and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsman, wildlife, political and sports 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 is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies; and*

*Whereas 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 that Act in 1995; and*

*Whereas The Department of 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 United States 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, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim  
June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to be,*

## AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of June, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles Baker".

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karyn Polito".

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*