



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the bald eagle's image has played a significant role in American culture, art, music, literature, architecture, commerce and education, as well as on postage stamps and currency; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle's meaning and symbolism have represented the traditions and heritage of Americans from all walks of life, including U.S. military servicemen and women, members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veteran, 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 lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, but is making a gradual and encouraging recovery in America; and

WHEREAS, due to the vigilant efforts of numerous agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens, the recovery of the bald eagle has reached a milestone in New Jersey with more than 100 pairs now nesting in the Garden State after only one pair remained in 1981;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

JUNE 20, 2017
AS
AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in New Jersey and encourage all residents to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities in support of the majestic bald eagle's continued recovery.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirtieth day of May in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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