Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was designated as our national emblem on June 20, 1782, 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 image is used in the Great Seal of the United States and in the logos and seals of many U.S. government entities and agencies; 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 personnel, American Indians, Christians, and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, youth, political and conservation organizations; and

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

WHEREAS, the bald eagle once was endangered but is making a gradual and encouraging comeback; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was federally designated as "endangered" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1973, and was upgraded to a less imperiled "threatened" status in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the bald eagle under the ESA in 2007, but protection will continue under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of America's bald eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the June 20, 2018 to be

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 20th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-eighth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE