



June 20th

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

**Celebrate America's Living
Symbol of Freedom.**

Governor Proclamation Request

For: Classrooms/Youth Organizations & Clubs/Scout Troops/Etc.

(Included: Suggested American Eagle Day Proclamation & Cover Letter)

State of _____

PROCLAMATION By The Governor

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as the U.S.A.'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/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 U.S.A.'s Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, I the elected Governor of _____ (name of State) do hereby proclaim June 20th as our State's annual

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

I hereby encourage all United States citizens to join us in support of the majestic Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our National Bird through the annual observance of American Eagle Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and cause the Great Seal of the State of _____ to be affixed at _____, _____ (city and state) on this _____ day of _____.

Governor's Name and Signature: _____



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Note to Proclamations Department: Please additionally email your state's Proclamation to **americaneagleday@eagles.org** and mail a second physical copy of the Proclamation to:

American Eagle Foundation
PO BOX 333
Pigeon Forge, TN 37868