WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as our National Emblem on June 20, 1782 by our
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 and agencies of the federal government; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle’s image, meaning, and symbolism have played a significant role in
American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, and culture, as well as in
American stamps, currency, and coinage; 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 “threatened” status
under that Act in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed the
Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but it will continue to be protected
under the Bald and 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 citizen.

Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 20th,
2019 as,

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this twentieth day of
June, 2019

Jared Polis
Governor