STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as the United States' 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 the 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019 as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 1st day of May the year of our Lord 2019 and of the Independence of the United States 243.

BY THE GOVERNOR: Eric Holcomb