PROCLAMATION

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 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 United States' bald eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim June 20th, 2019, as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST-

PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE