Proclamation

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was designated as the United States of America’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, equality 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 United States 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 American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture and on United States 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 a less imperiled “threatened” status under that Act in 1995 and is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America’s skies; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of the United States of America’s bald eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019 as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY
in the State of Louisiana.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of June

A.D., 2019

Governor of Louisiana