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 symbolizes 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; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle’s image, meaning, and symbolism have played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, religions, lifestyles, and the heritage of Americans from all walks of life, including U.S. military service members, 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 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 United States Fish & Wildlife Service continue to protect the Bald Eagle under the Bald & Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019, to be

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 13th day of May, 2019.

Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Jay Ashcroft
SECRETARY OF STATE