STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY
JUNE 20, 2019

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as the United States of America's 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 American values and attributes such 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, 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 culture, beliefs, traditions and heritage of Americans from all backgrounds, as well as in American art, music, literature and currency; 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 it 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, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019, **AMERICAN EAGLE DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE