Declaration

Whereas, the bald eagle was designated as the United States' National Emblem on June 20, 1782 by the Second Continental Congress;

Whereas, the bald eagle is unique to North America and represents core American values such as: freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, and excellence;

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;

Whereas, the bald eagle's image, meaning, and symbolism have played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, lifestyles, and heritage of Americans from all walks of life;

Whereas, the bald eagle was federally classified as an “endangered species” in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, but thanks conservation efforts, is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America’s skies;

Whereas, bald eagles can be found at five locations in Utah; the Salt Creek Waterfowl Management area, Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management area, Fountain Green State Fish Hatchery, Split Mountain/Green River area, and Rush Lake Ranch; and,

Whereas, Utah residents are encouraged to learn about this majestic bird of prey and continue efforts to protect our national emblem, so future generations may enjoy the bald eagle—the American Eagle—as it soars above our mountains and valleys;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare June 20, 2019, as

American Eagle Day in Utah

[Signature]
Gary R. Herbert
Governor