Proclamation

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was designated as America's national emblem on June 20, 1782, at the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle is unique to North America and represents the American values of freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, 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, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department of Commerce and U.S. Postal Service; and

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

WHEREAS, the bald eagle has been represented in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture; and on United States stamps, currency, and coinage; and

WHEREAS, once endangered with possible extinction and federally classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and individuals, the bald eagle was delisted from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but continues to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019, as

American Eagle Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 28th day of April, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee