AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

WHEREAS, the Second Continental Congress designated the Bald Eagle as a National Emblem on June 20, 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents values such as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States and is used in many United States government logos including the Presidency, Congress, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department Of Commerce and Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle plays a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, religions, lifestyles and heritage of Americans. Its image and symbolism are used by many - from the military to Native Americans, and in civic, religious, fraternal, patriot and veteran organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle, once endangered, is making a comeback to America’s skies; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973. It was upgraded to "threatened" in 1995 and delisted from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007. The Bald Eagle continues to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARK GORDON, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019 as

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in Wyoming, and encourage all citizens to join in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our national bird through the annual observance of American Eagle Day.

Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 14th day of June, 2019.

The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming