

Proclamation

In Recognition of

**American Eagle Day** 

**WHEREAS,** on June 20, 1782, our Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress designated the bald eagle as the national emblem of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS,** the bald eagle is endemic to North America and is symbolic of American values and attributes such as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality, and excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, the bald eagle is the central image used on the Great Seal of the United States and on the logos of many branches of the U.S. government, including the President, Congress, Department of Defense, Department of Justice, Department of State, Department of Commerce, and the United States Postal Service; and

**WHEREAS,** the bald eagle and its symbolism are reflected in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, and culture, and on U.S. stamps, currency, and coinage; and

**WHEREAS,** while once in danger of extinction, the bald eagle population is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to North American's skies thanks to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor**, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, **Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017 as

## **"AMERICAN EAGLE DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our national bird.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirty-first day of May 2017.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i