

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1782, the bald eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle represents America's values—freedom, courage, strength and spirit; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle's symbolism is reflected in American art, music, literature, architecture, education, culture, and on United States stamps, currency and coinage; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, Congress passed the Bald Eagle Protection Act (now known as the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act), which makes it illegal to possess, sell, harm or kill bald eagles; and

WHEREAS, destruction of natural habitats, pesticides and hunting led to a serious population decline of bald eagles to the point of becoming an endangered species in 1978; and

WHEREAS, from a population of about 400 breeding pairs as an endangered species to an estimate of over 9,000 breeding pairs in 2007, the recovery of the bald eagle population in the United States was largely due to the vigilant efforts of numerous agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens, and today, bald eagles are protected and thriving; and


WHEREAS, the American Eagle Foundation, founded in 1985, is dedicated to caring for and protecting bald eagles and established American Eagle Day to raise awareness of conservation and re-population of bald eagles;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2020 as

“AMERICAN EAGLE DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the value and importance of conservation and species protection and celebrating the continued recovery of the bald eagle population.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of June 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i