



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The American Bald Eagle was designated as the United States' National Emblem on June 20, 1782, by our country's Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress; 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 federal government; and

WHEREAS: The Bald Eagle's image, meaning, and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, and culture; it is included on United States stamps, currency, and coinage; and

WHEREAS: Once endangered by possible extinction, the Bald Eagle is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies, and is no longer under Endangered Species Act protection; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota's Bald Eagle population has steadily recovered since the 1960s, with more than 2,300 nesting pairs now living throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: The recovery of the Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished through the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, organizations, and citizens; and

WHEREAS: Wabasha, Minnesota is home to the National Eagle Center, a world-class interpretive center located on the banks of the Mississippi River, that educates people about the biology, history, and cultural significance of Bald Eagles; and

WHEREAS: Unique to North America, the American Bald Eagle represents such American values as freedom, courage, strength, justice, equality, and excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 20, 2018, as:

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8th day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE