



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 United States 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; and 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. Classified as an endangered species in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, the eagle was upgraded to "threatened" status in 1995, and finally removed from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007; 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: 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 Monday, June 20, 2016, 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 20th day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE