

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

JUNE 20, 2026

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was designated as the United States of America's national emblem on June 20, 1782, by our founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle is unique to North America and represents American values and attributes such as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality and excellence; 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 U.S. government, including the Presidency, Congress, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the Department of Commerce and the U.S. Postal Service; 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 can be found on U.S. stamps, currency and coinage; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was federally classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, and was upgraded to a less imperiled "threatened" status under the same Act in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but the bald eagle will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was once endangered with possible extinction, and is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies thanks to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
June 20, 2026, AMERICAN EAGLE DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE