

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle was designated by the Second Continental Congress as the national emblem of the United States on June 20, 1782; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is unique to North America and has come to represent the basic American values that citizens of this nation hold dear; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States and the insignia of many branches of federal government, stamps and currency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle's image and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle was once endangered with possible extinction, and is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies; 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 that Act in 1995; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is classified as a state endangered species in Vermont, but is recovering extremely well; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of the Interior delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but continues its protection under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act of 1940; the Lacey Act (1900), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (1918); and
- WHEREAS,** the recovery of the Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished through the time consuming and vigilant efforts of individuals, agencies and organizations;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2016 as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY



Vermont and encourage all citizens to support the continued recovery and protection of the majestic Bald Eagle.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 25th day of April, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shumlin', written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor