

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle was designated as the United States of America’s National Emblem on June 20, 1782 by our Country’s Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values and attributes 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 United States Government, including the Presidency and Congress; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle’s image, meaning and symbolism have played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, religions, lifestyles and heritage of Americans from all walks of life, including the United States military service men/women, American Indians, Christians, and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsman, wildlife, political and sports organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle’s image, meaning and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture; and on United States stamps, currency and coinage; 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 Department of Interior and United States Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the recovery of the United States Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** nesting Bald Eagles were absent from Vermont from the 1940s through 2008, but populations have since grown to at least 37 nesting pairs; and
- WHEREAS,** twenty-nine eaglets were translocated to and fledged in Vermont at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area from 2003-2006; and
- WHEREAS,** Bald Eagles were listed as endangered in Vermont in 1987, and due to their strong recovery are currently under consideration for delisting in the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 20, 2022 as

**AMERICAN EAGLE DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of June, A.D. 2022.

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney L. Wilson', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is in a cursive style.

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs