

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the 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 U.S. 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, lifestyles and heritage of Americans from all walks of life; 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
- 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 the act in 1995; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish and 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 U.S.A.’s Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017 as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in Vermont, and I encourage all United States citizens to join us in support of the Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our National Bird through the annual observance of American Eagle Day.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of June, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs