

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 U.S. Government, including the Presidency, Congress, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department of Commerce and U.S. Postal Service; 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 United States military service members, Native Americans, members of various civic, fraternal, veteran, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsman, wildlife, political and sports groups; 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 Bald Eagle was delisted 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 of America's Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 20th day of June, 2024, as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of June, A.D. 2024.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

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

Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs