

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as the U.S.A.'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 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; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Bald Eagle was once endangered with possible extinction and is making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies; and

WHERAS, 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, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2023, as

## American Eagle Day

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the  $8^h$  day of June 2023.

Kay Ivey, Governor