

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

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: Unique to North America, the Bald Eagle 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. Its 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. It 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 in 1995; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle in 2007 from the Endangered Species Act but it continues to remain protected in the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS: The recovery of the Bald Eagle population in the United States was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 20th, 2016, as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our National Bird during this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Handwritten signature of Asa Hutchinson in black ink.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Handwritten signature of Mark Martin in blue ink.

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State