



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The American bald eagle was designated as the National Symbol of the United States on June 20, 1782, by 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 Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS: The bald eagle's image and symbolic nature have played a significant role in all walks of American life, including civic institutions, the military, art and music, architecture, and on postage stamps, currency, and coinage; and
- WHEREAS: The bald eagle, once in danger of extinction, is now making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies. Classified as an endangered species in the Lower 48 States in 1973, the eagle was upgraded to "threatened" status in 1995, and finally removed from the Endangered Species list in 2007; and
- WHEREAS: The recovery of the bald eagle population was largely accomplished through the vigilant efforts of numerous agencies, corporations, and civilian organizations; and
- WHEREAS: Unique to North America, the American bald eagle symbolizes such American values as freedom, courage, strength, justice, and excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 20, 2013, as:

## AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR





SECRETARY OF STATE