

## 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

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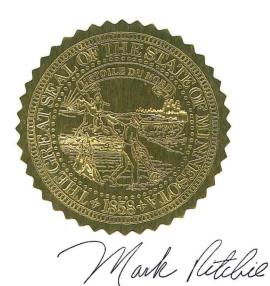
Unique to North America, the American bald eagle symbolizes such American

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