



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was designated as America's national emblem on June 20, 1782 at the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, 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 agencies of the U. S. Government, including the Presidency; Congress; Departments of State, Defense, Treasury, Justice, and Commerce; and the 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; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle has been represented 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, once endangered with possible extinction the bald eagle was delisted from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007 but continues to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of America's Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2023, as

American Eagle Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this thirteenth day of June, 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie R. R. R.

Secretary of State