STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *the Bald Eagle was designated as the USA'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 such American values and attributes 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 including the Presidency, Congress, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department of Commerce and 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, including military servicemen and women, American Indians, Christians, and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsman, wildlife, political and sports organizations; and*

Whereas, *the Bald Eagle's image, meaning and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture; and on U.S. 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, *the Bald Eagle 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 under that Act in 1995; and*

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Whereas, *the Department of Interior and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and*

Whereas, *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, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim June 20th as our State's annual*

"American Eagle Day"

in the state of Oklahoma. I encourage all citizens to join us in support of the majestic Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our National bird through the annual observance of American eagle Day.

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*

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Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 16th *day of* June *in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* eleven, *and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and third year.

ATTEST:

Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR