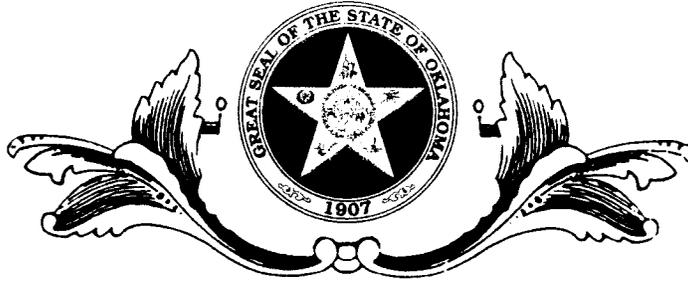


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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, 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 United States Government, including the Presidency, Congress, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department of Commerce and United States 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 United States military servicemen and women, Native Americans, 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 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, 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

Whereas, the Department of Interior and United States Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but it will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and

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Whereas, the recovery of the United States of America 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 20, 2013 as

"American Eagle Day"

in the State of Oklahoma and encourage all citizens to support the continued recovery and protection of its precious natural habitat.

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



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 16th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

Mary Fallin

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR