



The Bald Eagle is a unique bird to North America, and was designated as the National Emblem of the United States of America on June 20, 1782, by the Second Continental Congress. Since that time, the Bald Eagle has represented the American values and attributes of freedom, courage, strength, justice, quality and excellence.

As such, the Bald Eagle is the central image in the Great Seal of the United States, as well as many of the logos of other branches of the U.S. government, including the Office of the President, Congress, U.S. Postal Service and the Departments of Defense, Treasury, Justice, State and Commerce. It is also featured on stamps, currency and coinage.

Moreover, the image and symbolism of the Bald Eagle have played an important role in the beliefs, traditions, religions and heritages of many Americans. The Bald Eagle has also influenced American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education and culture.

The Bald Eagle was once threatened with possible extinction, and classified as a federal endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Fortunately, this bird has made a gradual and encouraging resurgence. The U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service plan to remove the Bald Eagle from the Endangered Species list this year. It will, however, still be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **June 20, 2008**, as

# AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in Hawai'i, and encourage all our citizens to celebrate the Bald Eagle's resurgence while continuing to support the protection of its natural habitat.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of June 2008.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i