



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the Bald Eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States on June 20, 1782 by our Country's Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and

*W*HEREAS, the bald eagle is unique to North America and represents American values and attributes such as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality, and excellence; and

*W*HEREAS, the bald eagle is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States and in the insignia of many branches of federal government, stamps, and currency; and

*W*HEREAS, the imagery and symbolism associated with the bald eagle have played a significant role in American beliefs, traditions, art, music, literature, and culture; and

*W*HEREAS, 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 in 1995; and

*W*HEREAS, the Department of Interior and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service removed the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007; and

*W*HEREAS, the recovery of our bald eagle population was largely accomplished due to the dedicated efforts of numerous individuals, agencies, and organizations; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2016 as

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY
in the State of Connecticut.




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