



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**AMERICAN EAGLE DAY**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Bald Eagle was designated as the United States' National Emblem by our founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress on June 20, 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents 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 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 the United States Postal Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bald Eagle's image, meaning, and symbolism have played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, lifestyles, and heritage of Americans from all walks of life, as well as American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture, and on United States stamps, currency, and coinage; 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 the same act in 1995; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the recovery of the North American Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished through the dedicated efforts of caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens committed to preserving their natural habitat, our wildlife, and the symbolic presence of our national bird;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017, as "AMERICAN EAGLE DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.