

WHEREAS; the American bald eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States of America on June 20, 1782, by the country’s founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS; unique to North America, the bald eagle’s symbolism has played a significant role in the traditions and heritage of Americans of all backgrounds and cultures, as well as in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, and education throughout the nation’s history; and

WHEREAS; officially designated as the country’s national bird in 2024, the bald eagle has long served as an exemplum of the American values of freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality, and excellence, and is used in the Great Seal of the United States and logos of many branches of the U.S. government and military, as well as on stamps, currency, and coinage; and

WHEREAS; thanks to the vigilant efforts of numerous agencies, organizations, and individuals across the country, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, and eagle recovery efforts—including habitat protection and nest monitoring in Wisconsin—are ongoing to ensure the longevity of the species; and

WHEREAS; the bald eagle continues to be protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS; today, as the nation recognizes its 250th anniversary this year, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites and all Americans in honoring the bald eagle as a symbol of the nation’s shared heritage, values, and ideals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 20 2026 as

NATIONAL AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10th day of June 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State