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

WHEREAS; the bald eagle is unique to North America, and is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States as well as the logos of many branches of the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS; the image, meaning, and symbolism of the bald eagle have played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, lifestyles, and heritage of Americans of all backgrounds and cultures, and in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, and education throughout our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS; in 2007, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service removed the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection, and eagle recovery efforts, including habitat protection and nest monitoring in Wisconsin, are ongoing; and

WHEREAS; this American Eagle Day, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites and all Americans in honoring the bald eagle as a symbol of our shared heritage, values, and ideals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2020, as 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 4th day of June 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State