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 its symbolism has played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, and heritage of Americans of all backgrounds and cultures, as well as in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, and education, throughout our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS; the bald eagle is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States, along with the logos of many branches of the U.S. government, and it appears on stamps, currency, and coinage; and

WHEREAS; thanks to the vigilant efforts of numerous agencies, organizations, and individuals across our 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; and

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

WHEREAS; today, 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, 2022, 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 18th day of May 2022.

TONY EVER, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State