

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States by our country's founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress on June 20, 1782; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values and attributes as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality, and excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** since being federally classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states in 1973, the Bald Eagle has been making a gradual and encouraging comeback to America's skies; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2007, the Bald Eagle was delisted from Endangered Species Act protection by the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service but will continue to be protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

**WHEREAS,** the recovery of America's Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2016, as

### AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to commemorate the living and symbolic presence of our national bird and to work together to support the Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its natural habitat.



**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**