

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle was designated by the Second Continental Congress as the national emblem of the United States on June 20, 1782; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is unique to North America and has come to represent the basic American values that citizens of this nation hold dear; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States and the insignia of many branches of federal government, stamps and currency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle's image and symbolism have played a significant role in the American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of the Interior delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but continues its protection under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and
- WHEREAS,** the recovery of the Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished through the time consuming and vigilant efforts of individuals, agencies and organizations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2012 as

**AMERICAN EAGLE DAY**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to support the continued recovery and protection of the majestic Bald Eagle

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2012.



/s/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor