

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the bald eagle was designated as the United States' national emblem on June 20, 1782, by our country's Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress; 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,** the bald eagle is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States and in the logos of many branches of the United States Government, including the President, Congress, the Department of Defense, the Department of Treasury, the Department of Justice, the State Department, the Department of Commerce, and the United States Postal Service; and
- Whereas,** the bald eagle's image, meaning, and symbolism have played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, religions, lifestyles, and heritage of Americans from all walks of life, including the United States military service men and women and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veteran, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsmen, wildlife, political, and sports organizations; and
- Whereas,** the bald eagle's image and symbolism have influenced American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, and culture, as well as United States stamps, coinage, and currency; and
- Whereas,** the bald eagle was classified as an "endangered species" in the lower forty-eight states under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and as a result of the vigilant efforts of numerous organizations and citizens, the bald eagle was upgraded to a less imperiled "threatened" status under the Endangered Species Act in 1995; and
- Whereas,** even though the Department of the Interior and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, the bald eagle will continue to be protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 20, 2022* as:

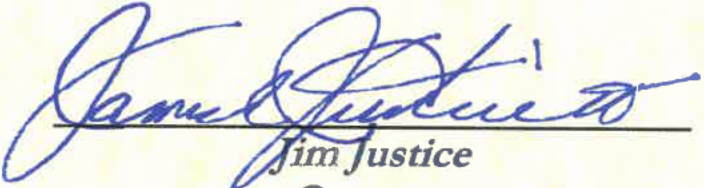
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in the Mountain State and urge all citizens to join me in support of the majestic bald eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our national bird.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State