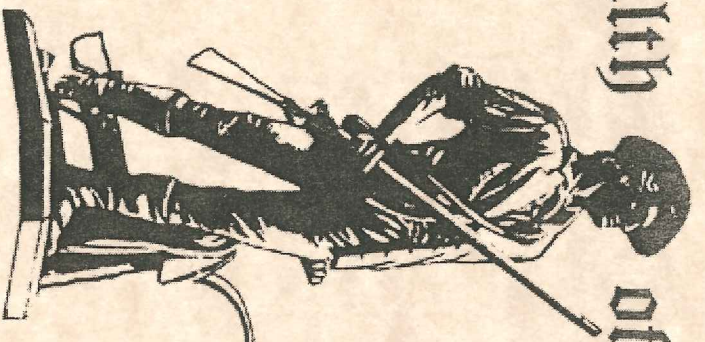


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**Whereas** The bald eagle is the national bird of the United States of America, a symbol of the natural character of our country; and

**Whereas** The bald eagle is unique to North America, and represents the American values of freedom, courage, strength, spirit and excellence; and

**Whereas** Once facing possible extinction, the bald eagle was listed on the Federal Register of Endangered Species in 1973; and

**Whereas** The status of the bald eagle was upgraded to the less imperiled "threatened" status in 1995, and remains under the protection of the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; and

**Whereas** The vigilant efforts of numerous federal and state agencies, organizations and private individuals contributed to the recovery of the bald eagle population,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to be,

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, sixth day of June, in the year two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

