

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(Emblem Day)

WHEREAS, the bald Eagle, commonly known as the American Eagle, was selected by the Continental Congress as the official emblem of the United States on June 20, 1782, and

WHEREAS, the bald Eagle symbolizes the strength, freedom and hardi- hood of America and its democratic institutions, and

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Eagles has marked this day for national observance, and its hundreds of Aeries through- out the United States, including the State of South Carolina, are commemorating the choice of the eagle as our national emblem with appropriate historical, ed- ucational and patriotic ceremonies; now

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do call upon all officials and citizens to display the flag of the United States on June 20, to cooperate in making this significant date in American history one of tribute to our American heritage and traditions and to renew and rededicate our faith therein.

Given under my hand and seal
this 8th day of June in the
year of our Lord, nineteen
hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor