

Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, birds are present in every environment urban or rural, wetland or prairie and are an ever-present reminder that nature is all around us; and

WHEREAS, each spring, Wyoming is home to one of North America's most unique and spectacular breeding displays of the Greater Sage-grouse; and

WHEREAS, from the Grand Tetons to the Sweetwater River to the Black Hills of eastern Wyoming, and covering the sagebrush across the state and everywhere in between, Wyoming's rich natural resources support more than 400 bird species; and

WHEREAS, 8.7 million people visited Wyoming in 2017, to experience our great outdoors, including our birds, bringing \$187 million in tax revenues into Wyoming's economy, reflecting nature's importance to our economy; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming plays a critical role on an international scale for migratory birds that have no boundaries; and

WHEREAS, 2018 is the centennial year of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS, bald eagles, snowy egrets, and sandhill cranes nest and or migrate through Wyoming; and

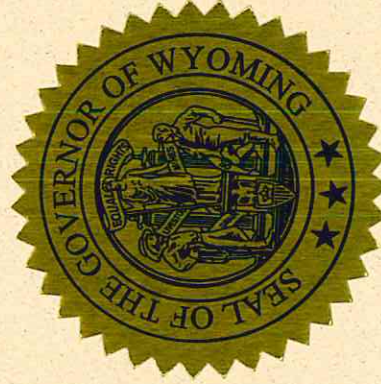
WHEREAS, the National Audubon Society, National Geographic and others have joined in a yearlong celebration of birds in 2018 which merits recognition.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW H. MEAD, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby recognize 2018 as

THE YEAR OF THE BIRD

in Wyoming.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 6 day of June, 2018.




Matthew H. Mead
Governor