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3 A resolution by Supervisor Haas, recognizing May 12, 2018, as International Migratory
4 Bird Day for Milwaukee County, by recommending adoption of the following:

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6 **A RESOLUTION**
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8 WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed
9 wildlife that share our communities; and

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11 WHEREAS, many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as
12 symbolic harbingers of spring; and

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14 WHEREAS, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our
15 community and assist in controlling insect pests; and

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17 WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the
18 Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their
19 summer and winter homes; and

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21 WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory
22 bird conservation; and

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24 WHEREAS, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they
25 face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to
26 maintaining healthy bird populations; and

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28 WHEREAS, since 1993, International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) has become a
29 primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel
30 between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their
31 wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the
32 southern part of the United States; and

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34 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people will observe IMBD by gathering in
35 town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges
36 to learn about birds, taking action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

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38 WHEREAS, while IMBD is officially held each year on the second Saturday in
39 May; its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to
40 schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and
41 celebrants; and
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43 WHEREAS, IMBD is not only a day to foster an appreciation for wild birds and to
44 celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action; and
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46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
47 January 23, 2018, recommended adoption for File No. 18-105 (vote 5-0);
48 now, therefore,
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50 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby proclaims May 12, 2018, as
51 International Migratory Bird Day and urges all residents to celebrate this observance
52 and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats within
53 the community.
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