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3 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Broderick recognizing May 9, 2015, as
4 International Migratory Bird Day for Milwaukee County, by recommending adoption of
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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed
10 wildlife that share our communities; and
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12 WHEREAS, many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as
13 symbolic harbingers of spring; and
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15 WHEREAS, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our
16 community and assist in controlling insect pests; and
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18 WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the
19 Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their
20 summer and winter homes; and
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22 WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory
23 bird conservation; and
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25 WHEREAS, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they
26 face, and empowered to help address those threats, can directly contribute to
27 maintaining healthy bird populations; and
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29 WHEREAS, since 1993, International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) has become a
30 primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel
31 between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their
32 wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the
33 southern United States; and
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35 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people will observe IMBD, gathering in
36 town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges
37 to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply have fun; and
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39 WHEREAS, while IMBD is officially held each year on the second Saturday in
40 May, its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to
41 schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and
42 celebrants; and
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44 WHEREAS, IMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to
45 celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action; now,
46 therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County hereby proclaims May 9, 2015, as International Migratory Bird Day and urges all residents to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats within the community.

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