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**A RESOLUTION**

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Recognizing May 9, 2015, as International Migratory Bird Day for Milwaukee

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WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed  
7 wildlife that share our communities; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, while IMBD is officially held each year on the second Saturday in  
29 May, its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to  
30 schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and  
31 celebrants; and

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WHEREAS, IMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to  
33 celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action; now,  
34 therefore,

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

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