

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting a proclamation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors that May 9, 2020 shall be recognized as World Migratory Bird Day in Milwaukee County, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of May 19, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-189 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby proclaims May 9, 2020, as World 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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