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Resolution recognizing World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

is meant to bring public attention to the hundreds of species of migratory birds 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 U.S.; and

WHEREAS, *Migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities, and many Milwaukeeans recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring; and*

WHEREAS, *The City of Milwaukee has been declared a “Bird City” by the Bird City Wisconsin program, which encourages urban bird conservation in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and*

WHEREAS, *Migratory bird species 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 increasing public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation, and citizens who are 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 (formerly International Migratory Bird Day) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on and fostering appreciation of wild migratory birds, as a way to support migratory bird conservation, and also as a call to action; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes May 13, 2023 as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Milwaukee, and commends those working to protect and conserve migratory bird species and their habitats; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Urban Ecology Center.*

Introduced by Common Council members Jonathan Brostoff, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 7, 2023.