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Resolution recognizing International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) in the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

was celebrated on May 19, 2015 and recognized the nearly 350 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, many Milwaukeeans recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring, and city stakeholders worked successfully to have Milwaukee declared a “Bird City” in 2012 and a “High Flyer Bird City” in 2013 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*

WHEREAS, *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, *Hundreds of thousands of people annually observe IMBD, 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; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) 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 Nik Kovac, Michael J. Murphy, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, James A. Bohl, Jr., Milele A. Coggs and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 19, 2016.