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WHEREAS, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is a campaign to raise awareness for the conversation of migratory birds and the habitats they live in; and

WHEREAS, This event is an awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. It aims to draw attention to the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them; and

WHEREAS, The theme for WMBD 2024 is 'Protect insects, protect birds'. The loss and disturbance of insect populations at breeding sites and along avian migration routes threaten bird survival and well-being. Natural spaces like forests and grasslands that have been transformed or endangered by intensive agriculture and urban development and its effects such as light pollution can result in a decline in insect populations. Pesticides and herbicides designed to protect crops harm insects that birds rely on for food. A scarcity of energy- and protein-rich insects can hinder bird migration and breeding, leading to weakened immune systems, reduced reproductive success, and increased mortality rates for both adult birds and their offspring; and

WHEREAS, The World Migratory Bird Day campaign in 2024 will stress the need for proactive conservation measures. This includes reducing the use of pesticides and fertilisers, and where possible, switching to organic farming. Other measures include maintaining and connecting areas of natural vegetation which provide food and shelter for birds and other species, in agricultural landscapes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lyle Nelson, Mayor of the City of Bastrop, Texas, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2024, as:

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bastrop, Texas to be affixed this 23rd day of April 2024.

Lyle Nelson, Mayor

