

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

RESOLUTION No. 2021-R__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING THE SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY EACH YEAR AS WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY AND AUTHORIZING THE BIRD CITY COALITION AND APPROPRIATE CITY STAFF TO CONTINUE PURSUIT OF CERTIFICATION IN THE TEXAS “BIRD CITY” PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; 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 (formerly International Migratory Bird Day) 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 American, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S.; 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 annually recognized on a single day, its encouraged that planners and city staff schedule activities and events on dates throughout the year best suited to the presence of both migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Parks and Recreation Commission voted on November 2, 2020 to recommend the City Council recognize the annual celebration of World Migratory Bird Day by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The Mayor and City Council recognize Saturday, May 7, 2022, and every second Saturday of May, annually, as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Dripping Springs, Texas.
2. The Mayor and City Council authorize the Dripping Springs Bird City Coalition and appropriate City Staff to continue pursuit of certification in the Texas “Bird City” Program.
3. Resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.
4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this, the 2nd day of November 2021, by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary