

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN  
RESOLUTION 174-25-26**

**BY ALDERPERSONS DEKKER AND RUST.**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2026.**

A RESOLUTION declaring May 9, 2026, World Migratory Bird Day and authorizing the appropriate City officials to apply for renewal of the City's designation as a Bird City.

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, 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 concerns 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) (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 America, 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 officially is 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Sheboygan declares May 9, 2026, World Migratory Bird Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Director of Public Works or his designee is authorized to apply for renewal of the City's designation as a Bird City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN COMMON COUNCIL

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Presiding Officer

Attest

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Ryan Sorenson, Mayor, City of  
Sheboygan

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Meredith DeBruin, City Clerk, City of  
Sheboygan