

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

**SPONSOR: ALD. JONATHAN LAMPE
FROM: PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY COMMISSION**

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 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 health 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 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 BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:

Does hereby resolve and proclaim the second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Watertown, and urge all citizens to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and the world at large.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BERG		
BARTZ		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
ARNETT		
WETZEL		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR STOCKS		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED February 16, 2026

CITY CLERK

APPROVED February 16, 2026

MAYOR