

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING MAY 11, 2019 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, most 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board voted on April 4, 2019 to recommend to the City Council to recognize the 2019 World Migratory Bird Day by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

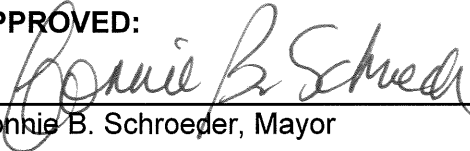
Section 1: That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bastrop recognize Saturday, May 11, 2019 as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Bastrop and encourage all city residents to celebrate their role as stewards of bird habitat.

Section 2: All orders, ordinances, and 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.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so resolved.

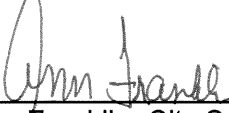
DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 23rd day of April, 2019.

APPROVED:



Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney