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2 **Bird City Maryland Initiative** – For the purpose of encouraging the City of Annapolis to
3 implement sound bird-conservation practices and offering education to the public about the
4 interactions between birds and people and about the contributions birds make to a healthy
5 community.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 41-24**

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12 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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16 **Bird City Maryland Initiative**

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18 **FOR** the purpose of encouraging the City of Annapolis to implement sound bird-conservation
19 practices and offering education to the public about the interactions between birds and
20 people and the contributions birds make to a healthy community.

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22 **WHEREAS,** Birds play an important ecological role in our community, controlling insect
23 pests, contributing to pollination, and seed dispersal; and

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25 **WHEREAS,** Birds play an important economic role in our community, attracting tourists and
26 generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; and

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28 **WHEREAS,** Migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a
29 growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and
30 winter homes; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** Public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird
33 conservation; and

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35 **WHEREAS,** Since 1993, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has become a primary vehicle
36 for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting
37 habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering
38 grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern
39 U.S.; and

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41 **WHEREAS,** Throughout the Bird City Network, hundreds of thousands of people will observe
42 WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature
43 centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them,
44 and simply to have fun; and

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis provides substantial waterfront viewing for enthusiasts and
2 “birders;” and
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4 **WHEREAS,** The state of Maryland has recognized the Baltimore Oriole as its State bird, and
5 the City of Annapolis has recognized the Osprey as its City bird; and
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7 **WHEREAS,** These birders may observe some of Maryland’s 400 native bird species and
8 unusual seabirds such as Northern Gannets, Great Cormorants, or rare Gulls; and
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10 **WHEREAS,** Sound policies and practices enhancing natural ecosystems and reducing threats to
11 birds also make healthier communities for people; and
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13 **WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis finds that it is in the best interest of the community and its
14 residents to show its support for the Bird City Maryland initiative; and
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16 **WHEREAS,** The Bird City designation will help to make the City of Annapolis friendlier for
17 birds and improve the health and beauty of the community, and this resolution
18 establishes our continual commitment to the Bird City program.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that**
21 **by adoption of this Resolution, hereby shows its support of the Bird City Maryland Initiative.**
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