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2 **World Migratory Bird Day Resolution** – For the purpose of encouraging the City of Annapolis  
3 to implement sound bird-conservation practices by 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 11-20**

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12 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**  
13 **Co-sponsored by:**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **World Migratory Bird Day**

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19 **FOR** the purpose of adopting, honoring, and upholding the commitments to the goals of the Bird  
20 City Maryland program and designate a World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) in the City  
21 of Annapolis. Also, for the purpose of having the City of Annapolis designated as a Bird  
22 City. To that end, the City will apply to become a Bird City to promote the understanding  
23 that healthy communities are the sum of many parts, including healthy bird populations.  
24 Participation in the Bird City Maryland program will make the City of Annapolis friendlier  
25 for birds and improve the health and beauty of the City of Annapolis.

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27 **WHEREAS,** migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that  
28 share our community, and

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30 **WHEREAS,** many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers  
31 of spring, and

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33 **WHEREAS,** these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community,  
34 controlling pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide, and

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36 **WHEREAS,** migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a  
37 growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and  
38 winter homes, and

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40 **WHEREAS,** public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird  
41 conservation, and

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43 **WHEREAS,** citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and  
44 empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining  
45 health bird populations, and  
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1 **WHEREAS**, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (formerly International Migratory Bird Day)  
2 has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350  
3 species that travel between nesting habitats in our community and throughout North  
4 America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the  
5 Caribbean, and the southern U.S., and  
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7 **WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares,  
8 community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn  
9 about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun, and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, WMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to celebrate and  
12 support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action,  
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14 **NOW, THEREFORE,**  
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16 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of Annapolis does  
17 hereby proclaim April 22, 2020 as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Annapolis to coincide  
18 with Earth Day.  
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20 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City  
21 of Annapolis will apply to Bird City Maryland, as it provides highly visible public recognition to  
22 municipalities that understand that healthy communities include healthy bird populations. Bird  
23 City Maryland supports communities in their efforts to protect and manage green space, educate  
24 their citizens, build and erect nesting structures, landscape with native plants, and reduce threats  
25 to birds. By joining Bird City Maryland, the City of Annapolis will present the positive image that  
26 its citizens desire for the place where they live, recreate, and conduct business.  
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#### 28 **EXPLANATION**

29 Underlining indicates matter added.

30 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.  
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