

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
2018-492**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

UNDER THE DATE OF: December 3, 2018

MOVED BY: Councilperson Sabuda

SUPPORTED BY: Councilperson Alderman

WHEREAS, birds are present in every environment urban or rural, wetland or prairie, and are an ever-present reminder of beauty of nature all around us.

WHEREAS, 2018 is the centennial year of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which protects over 1000 bird species including birds in our backyards, and those that nest and/or migrate through our city on their international journeys, using our abundant woods, fields, river banks, and wetlands in our city parks and in the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, which is partly within our city,

WHEREAS ON MAY 22, 2017 Detroit was designated the 29th Urban Bird Treaty City by the US Fish and Wildlife Service because of the Detroit area's amazing diversity of birds, bird habitats, and that the region has adopted a plan (Detroit Urban Bird Treaty Action Strategy) to protect and enhance that diversity.

WHEREAS THE DETROIT RIVER WHICH IS LITERALLY OUR "FRONT YARD," HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AN IMPORTANT BIRD AREA by National Audubon Society, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and Birdlife International.

WHEREAS, each year, more than 250 migrating bird species grace us with reminders of their fortitude and persistence to make long journeys from Central and South America to or through Southeast Michigan, Wayne County, and Detroit.

WHEREAS, in February 2018 Wayne County environmentalists, naturalists, and birders of Detroit Audubon reported local sightings of 510 individual birds of 115 species during the Michigan Great Backyard Bird Count, and Detroit Audubon has documented over 350 species of bird species in Southeast Michigan.

WHEREAS Wyandotte is an important site for the February international waterfowl survey, a cooperative effort between Detroit Audubon and Bird Studies Canada.

WHEREAS, local agencies play critical roles in monitoring, studying, counting, feeding, enhancing habitat, and assisting injured birds including Detroit Audubon, Metro-Detroit Nature Network, Detroit Zoo, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the Friends of the Detroit River, the River Raisin Institute, Washtenaw Bird Center, and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Park Authority.

WHEREAS, our local area includes a significant migratory and wintering assemblage of Canvasback Ducks totaling 10% of the world's population and the Western Lake Erie Basin serves as a stop-over for thousands of raptors and migratory water fowl.

WHEREAS, human actions present the number one threat to birds; including change in the climate, destruction of habitat, planting of non-native and invasive plants that reduce natural food sources, collisions with buildings, introduction of invasive animal species, and overuse of chemicals in yards and fields creating toxic runoff in waterways. All of which can be mitigated or prevented through common sense best practices.

THEREFORE, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, I, Mayor Joseph R. Peterson, do hereby proclaim 2018 to be **Year of the Bird in the City of Wyandotte** and urge businesses and citizens to promote the conservation of our environment, the planting of native trees, and the protection of birds that live in and travel through our city, the Detroit River Watershed, and the Mississippi and Atlantic Flyways which converge here.

Motion unanimously carried.

I, LAWRENCE S. STEC, duly authorized City Clerk of Wyandotte, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council on December 3, 2018 said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.



**Lawrence S. Stec
City Clerk**