

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF LINCOLN PARK

WHEREAS, 2018 is the centennial year of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which protects over 1000 species including birds in our backyards, and those that nest and/or migrate through our City on their international journeys.

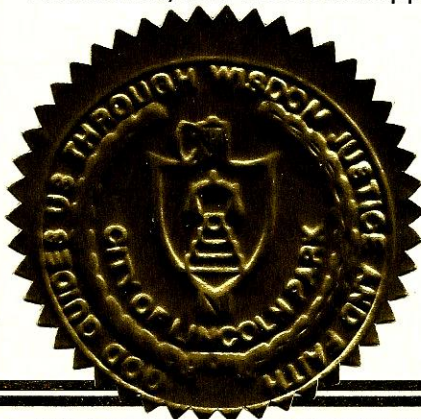
WHEREAS, each year, more than 250 migrating bird species grace us with reminders of their fortitude and persistence to make long journeys from Central and South America to or through Southeast Michigan, Wayne County, and Detroit.

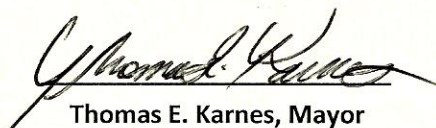
WHEREAS, in February 2018 Wayne County environmentalists, naturalists, and birders of Detroit Audubon reported local sightings of 510 individual birds of 115 species during the Michigan Great Backyard Bird Count, and Detroit Audubon has documented over 350 species of bird species in Southeast Michigan.

WHEREAS, 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.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Mayor Thomas E. Karnes, along with the City Council and the citizens of Lincoln Park, do hereby declare 2018 to be the Year of the Bird and urge businesses and citizens to promote the conservation of our environment, planting of native trees, and the protection of birds that live in an travel through our City, the Detroit River Watershed, and the Mississippi and Atlantic Flyways which converge here.





Thomas E. Karnes, Mayor

December 3rd, 2018