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ANNUAL MEETING

FOURTH DAY

Commission Chamber, Mezzanine, Guardian Building, Detroit, MI

Thursday, November 1, 2018

10:00 a.m.

The Commission was called to order by the Chairman of the Commission, Gary Woronchak, at 10:11 a.m.

The roll of the Commission was requested by Pamela Lane, Acting Clerk:

Anderson	- present	Haidous	- present	Varga	- present
Barone	- present	Killeen	- present	Webb	- present
Basham	- present	Marecki	- present	Ware	- present
Clark-Coleman	- present	Palamara	- 10:13	Bell	- present
Davis	- present	Scott	- present	Woronchak	- present

14 present, a quorum

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. A resolution by Commissioners Varga and Killeen in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, proclaiming 2018 as the Year of the Bird in Wayne County and urging businesses and residents to promote the conservation of our environment, the planting of native trees and the protection of birds that live in and travel through the county, the Detroit River watershed and the Mississippi and Atlantic Flyways. (2018-66-037)

Commissioner Varga, supported by Commissioner Killeen, moved approval of foregoing item VII, A, and adoption of the resolution.

There being no discussion, **Chairman Woronchak requested a vote of adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Barone, Basham, Clark-Coleman, Davis, Haidous, Killeen, Marecki, Palamara, Scott, Varga, Webb, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Bell, Chairman Woronchak -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

The following Commissioners requested to be added as Co-Sponsors on item VII. A.:

Commissioners Anderson, Barone, Basham, Clark-Coleman, Davis, Haidous, Marecki, Palamara, Scott, Webb, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Bell, Chairman Woronchak -- 13

[Resolution No. 2018-791]

- B. A resolution by Commissioner Ware acknowledging and commending the Third Circuit Court Family Division - Juvenile Section for its participation in Michigan Adoption Day while bringing attention to the estimated 2,100 Michigan children in foster care that are available for adoption. (2018-66-038)

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, supported by Commissioner Scott, moved approval of foregoing item VII, B, and adoption of the resolution.

There being no discussion, **Chairman Woronchak requested a vote of adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Barone, Basham, Clark-Coleman, Davis, Haidous, Killeen, Marecki, Palamara, Scott, Varga, Webb, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Bell, Chairman Woronchak -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

RESOLUTION

No. 2018-

Sponsored by Commissioners Varga and Killeen

WHEREAS, birds are present in every type of Wayne County environment, whether urban, suburban or rural, and are an ever-present reminder of the beauty of nature all around us; and

WHEREAS, 2018 is the centennial year of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which protects more than 1,000 bird species, including those in our backyards as well as those that migrate through Wayne County on international journeys, using our region's abundant woods, fields, riverbanks and wetlands, as well as county parks, city parks, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, most of which are in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2017, Detroit was designated the 29th Urban Bird Treaty City by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service because of the Detroit area's amazing diversity of birds and bird habitats as well as the fact that the region has adopted a plan, the Detroit Urban Bird Treaty Action Strategy, to protect and enhance that diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit River is our region's "front yard" and has been designated as an important bird area by the National Audubon Society, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and BirdLife International; and

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

WHEREAS, in February 2018, Wayne County environmentalists, naturalists and birders of Detroit Audubon reported local sightings of 510 individual birds, representing 115 species, during the Michigan Great Backyard Bird Count, and Detroit Audubon has documented more than 350 species of birds in southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, several bird surveys include sites in Wayne County, including two Christmas Bird Counts, an international

waterfowl survey and an American woodcock survey, to name just a few; and

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

WHEREAS, our local area includes a significant migratory and wintering assemblage of canvasback ducks, totaling 10 percent of the world's population, and the Western Lake Erie Basin serves as a stopover for thousands of raptors and migratory waterfowl; and

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, be it

RESOLVED, that, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Wayne County Commission on this 1st day of November 2018 proclaims 2018 to be the Year of the Bird in Wayne County and urges businesses and residents to promote the conservation of our environment, the planting of native trees and the protection of birds that live in and travel through the county, the Detroit River watershed and the Mississippi and Atlantic Flyways, which converge here.

(2018-66-037)