Resolution endorsing the City of La Crosse's application for Bird City Recognition from Bird City Wisconsin and supporting the annual World Migratory Bird Day Celebration at The Nature Place.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities, and many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring, and

WHEREAS, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests, pollinating plants, dispersing seeds, and

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

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

WHEREAS, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations, and

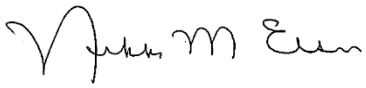
WHEREAS, since 1993, World Migratory Bird Day has been a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern United States, and

WHEREAS, to maintain its Bird City Recognition, the City of La Crosse is called upon to protect bird habitat, participate in programs promoting effective community forest management, limit and remove hazards to birds, participate in educational outreach, and adopt a resolution saying as such annually, and

WHEREAS, in the City of La Crosse, World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated each year on the first Saturday in May, when people of all ages from the area can gather at The Nature Place in Myrick Park to learn about birds, foster bird appreciation, support migratory bird conservation, and produce a call to action

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby endorses the City of La Crosse's application for Bird City Recognition from Bird City Wisconsin and takes necessary measures to qualify for this designation.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on August 13, 2026.



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Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin