

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING MAY 13, 2023, AS WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY; ESTABLISHING THE CRITICAL BIRD MIGRATION PERIODS AS “LIGHTS OUT NIGHTS;” AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PURSUE THE “BIRD CITY TEXAS” CERTIFICATION; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1993, the Federal Government recognized World Migratory Bird Day (formerly International Migratory Bird Day) to help protect and promote education on the nearly 350 different species of birds that travel and nest throughout North America and migrate South in the winter; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds are decreasing in population due to habitat loss and other threats along their migration routes, such as light pollution and window collisions; and

WHEREAS, light pollution attracts and disorients migrating birds, confusing them and making them vulnerable to collisions and other urban threats; and

WHEREAS, according to Lights Out Texas, over 1 billion birds die in the United States annually due to window collisions, and participating in Lights Out Texas contributes to the protection of migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Denton are passionate about supporting and protecting both local and migratory birds against the threats they face; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation, and the City of Denton is committed to educating the public and providing awareness surrounding migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds play an important role in our ecosystem and provide a number of services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denton is actively preserving and maintaining habitat for wildlife and encouraging their residents to also develop wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denton desires to encourage activities that contribute to the recognition, appreciation, and conservation of migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Denton to recognize World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Denton, and to declare “Lights Out Nights” during the migratory periods in 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The recitals in the preamble of this Resolution are incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Denton recognize May 13, 2023, as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Denton and encourage all city residents to celebrate their role as stewards of bird habitats.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Denton declare August through October and March through May as Lights Out Migratory Months in the City of Denton, with “Lights Out Nights” to be recognized annually by proclamation to encourage all citizens and businesses to turn off non-essential lighting between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the critical migration periods specific to that year.

SECTION 4. The staff at the City of Denton are charged with continuing in the pursuit of, and application for, the “Bird City Texas” Certification through the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this resolution was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote [ \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ ]:

	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jesse Davis, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
VACANT, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chris Watts, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
JESUS SALAZAR, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
MARK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_