

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-242R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS DESIGNATING WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY TO BE OBSERVED ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF MAY AND THE SECOND SATURDAY OF OCTOBER; SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT AND AUDUBON TEXAS FOR CERTIFICATION IN THE “BIRD CITY TEXAS” PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### **RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Marcos is a destination for visitors interested in enjoying the natural environment of the Texas hill country and observing the birds and other wildlife which live here seasonally or year-round, thus making a significant contribution to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, World Migratory Bird Day is observed at over 600 sites throughout the Americas each year on the second Saturday of May and the second Saturday of October; and

**WHEREAS**, by participating in observance of World Migratory Bird Day, San Marcos is satisfying the Texas Parks and Wildlife/Audubon requirements for consideration as a “Bird City Texas” community; and

**WHEREAS**, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that enhance the community; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring and fall therefore enjoying all the opportunities they have to engage in great recreational endeavors such as bird-watching and nature photography; and

**WHEREAS**, migrant bird species also play an important economic role in the community, naturally controlling pests and generating recreational revenue related to bird watching activities; 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, whereupon citizens can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has raised global awareness by highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of people will observe World Migratory Bird Day, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

**WHEREAS**, the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board has recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution designating World Migratory Bird Days each year for observance in the City, and supporting an application by the City to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Audubon Texas for certification in the “Bird City Texas” program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:**

**PART 1.** The City Council designates the second Saturday each May and the second Saturday each October for observance as World Migratory Bird Days. These observances will not be limited to a single day. In connection with these observances, the City will provide public information about bird conservation and will call upon the people of San Marcos to protect and conserve birds and their habitats in our community.

**PART 2.** The City Council hereby supports an application by the City to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Audubon Texas to certify San Marcos in the "Bird City Texas" program, which will continue to enhance the City's reputation for leadership in protecting its natural environment, including bird habitats, will recognize the interests of many citizens in bird conservation, and will promote the City as a destination for birding-related tourism.

**PART 3.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage.

**ADOPTED** on November 4, 2020.

Jane Hughson  
Mayor

Attest:

Tammy K. Cook  
Interim City Clerk