



**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
Ozaukee County, Wisconsin**

PROCLAMATION

2026 Migratory Bird Day - Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter

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

WHEREAS, our citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring; and

WHEREAS, migrant bird species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; 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 (WMBD, formerly International Migratory Bird Day) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our community and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean and the southern United States; and

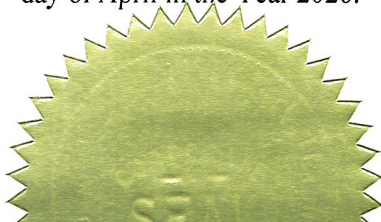
WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

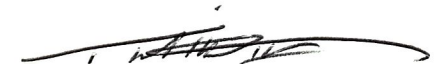
WHEREAS, while WMBD is officially held each year on the second Saturday in May, its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to schedule activities on the dates best suited for the presence of both migrants and celebrants; and

WHEREAS, WMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation but also a call to action,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Port Washington recognizes Saturday, May 9th as World Migratory Bird Day in our City of Port Washington and urge all our city residents to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and the world at large.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Port Washington to be affixed, on this 21st day of April in the Year 2026.





Ted Neitzke IV, Mayor