



Proclamation

- 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 Communities by 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 Citizens who are 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 (formerly International Migratory Bird Day as created by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center) has become 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,** *while World Migratory Bird Day is officially held each year on the second Saturday in May, its observance is not limited to a single day and event planners are always encouraged to schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and celebrants and those events have traditionally included large gatherings in town squares; community centers; schools; parks; nature centers; and wildlife refuges to learn about birds and actions to conserve them — and to simply have fun; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Bird City Maryland is hosting a virtual event October 8-10, 2020 in celebration of World Migratory Bird Day's 2020 theme, "Birds Connect Our World," which is anticipated to include highlights of three Maryland Bird Cities — La Plata, Annapolis, and Salisbury, as well as a presentation from the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art located in Salisbury, Maryland;*

NOW THEREFORE, I, Julia Glanz, City Administrator of the City of Salisbury, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2020 as

"WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY"

in our City in support of Bird City Maryland's October 2020 Virtual Celebratory Event and invite all Citizens to not only celebrate this observance, but to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our Communities and around the Globe.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Salisbury this 28th day of September, 2020.




Julia Glanz, City Administrator