

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2017-011  
DESIGNATE NORTHFIELD AS A BIRD CITY AND PROCLAIMING MAY 13, 2017 AS  
BIRD DAY IN NORTHFIELD**

**WHEREAS,** birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities, and

**WHEREAS,** many citizens recognize and welcome migratory birds as symbolic harbingers of spring, and

**WHEREAS,** birds are an essential part of a healthy ecosystem as pollinators, seed dispersers, insect and rodent predators, and

**WHEREAS,** these bird species play an important economic role in our community by generating millions in tourism and recreational dollars statewide, and

**WHEREAS,** enjoying birds connects people, gets them outdoors and involved in the community, promoting good health and social connection, and

**WHEREAS,** birds and their habitats are declining and birds are 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 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 populations of both resident birds and migrants, and

**WHEREAS,** since 1993 International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) 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 southern U.S, and

**WHEREAS,** hundreds of thousands of people will observe IMBD, 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,** IMBD is not only a day to foster appreciations for wild birds and to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

The City Council of the City of Northfield designates Northfield as a Bird City and does hereby proclaim May 13, 2017 as Bird Day in the City of Northfield, and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect migratory birds.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:           \_\_\_ POWNELL \_\_\_ COLBY \_\_\_ DELONG \_\_\_ NAKASIAN \_\_\_ NESS  
\_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL