

Resolution #1351

World Migratory Bird Day Resolution

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

Whereas 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 community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide, and

Whereas migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout Pennsylvania, facing a growing number of threats on their annual hemispheric migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes, and

Whereas the Borough realizes the urgent need to raise greater public awareness of migratory birds, the multiple threats they face, the obstacles to their migration and the important role of public awareness-raising campaigns can play in encouraging actions to mitigate these threats, 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 communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S., 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 the Borough realizes the urgent need to raise greater public awareness of migratory birds, the multiple threats they face, the obstacles to their migration and the important role of public awareness-raising campaigns can play in encouraging actions to mitigate these threats, and

Whereas citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining health bird populations, and

Whereas the Borough of State College urges all citizens 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, and

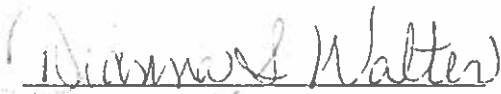
Whereas WMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the State College Borough Council does hereby proclaim the second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day in the Borough of State College and encourages the community to partake in the "Lights Out State College" event.

Adopted as a Resolution this 3rd day of April 2023.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE:



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