COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEQUON

RESOLUTION 3805

A Resolution Authorizing Renewal of an Application with Bird City Wisconsin and Observing International Migratory Bird Day in Conjunction with Arbor Day

- A. Migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that enhance the Mequon community.
- B. Local citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring and enjoy all the opportunities they have to engage in great recreational endeavors such as bird-watching and nature photography.
- C. Migrant bird species also play an important economic role in the community, controlling insect pests and generating revenue related to bird watching activities.
- D. Public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation where citizens can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations.
- E. 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 the City of Mequon and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean and the southern United States.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING RECITALS, IT IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin that:

- 1. International Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated/observed in conjunction with the City of Mequon's Arbor Day Festivities and public information will be provided about migratory bird conservation and the importance of taking action to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats throughout the community.
- 2. The City, in conjunction with the Mequon Nature Preserve, has submitted an application and associated fee to Bird City Wisconsin allowing the City of Mequon to maintain its "Bird City" designation.

3. These actions will continue to enhance the City's reputation for leadership in protecting the natural environment and bird habitats, while recognizing the interest of many of its citizens in bird conservation.

pproved by: John Wirth, Mayor

Date Approved:

February 9, 2021

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on February 9, 2021.

Caroline Folis, City Clerk