

**CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 13-2024**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 AS WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY AND AUTHORIZING LOCAL EFFORTS AND THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE THE BIRD CITY TEXAS CERTIFICATION FOR THE CITY FROM THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, established in 2018, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is a global conservation, education campaign that both celebrates and brings attention to one of the most important and spectacular events that occurs in the spring and the fall of every year in the Americas – bird migration; and

WHEREAS, the intention of this global alliance is to bring attention to the importance of bird conservation around the globe, by creating a worldwide campaign organized around earth's major migratory bird corridors: the Americas flyway, the East Asian-Australasian flyway, and the African-Eurasian flyway; and

WHEREAS, by promoting the same event name, annual conservation theme, and messaging, supporters combine their voices into a global chorus to boost the urgent need for migratory bird conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Nature Center is committed to continuing to focus its efforts in the Central Flyway zone, one of the Americas' four avian superhighways, and where the Texas hill country represents a large portion of this migratory alignment; and

WHEREAS, Audubon Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("TPWD") established a birding program for communities called Bird City in 2018, which is a community-focused certification program created to help people protect birds and their habitats where we live, work, and recreate; and

WHEREAS, according to TPWD, science-based bird conservation initiatives and community-centric action will enhance and restore habitats, increase native plant coverage for the benefit of birds and people, reduce population threats, increase public awareness of the benefits and challenges of bird conservation, and promote environmental stewardship in Texas cities; and

WHEREAS, the Bird City Kerrville Committee (the "Committee") is comprised of several local organizations such as the Riverside Nature Center, the Upper Guadalupe River Association (UGRA), Native Plant Society of

Texas, Kerr County Friends of the Night Sky, Wild Birds Unlimited, Texas Master Naturalist, and others; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has asked City Council to authorize it and the City Manager to seek certification from the TPWD as to the TPWD's Bird City Texas program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERRVILLE, KERR COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. The City recognizes Saturday, May 11, 2024, as World Migratory Bird Day.

SECTION TWO. The City authorizes the Bird City Kerrville Committee and the City Manager to pursue the City's certification as a Bird City in Texas under the Bird City Texas program from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 23 day of April, 2024.

Judy Eychner
Judy Eychner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

M. C. Hayes
Michael C. Hayes, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shelley McElhannon
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary