

Resolution No: 10-26

Resolution: A Resolution to Support the Bird City Maryland Initiative and World Migratory Bird Day

WHEREAS, birds are among the most visible and diverse wildlife that share our communities, enriching the enjoyment of nature by residents, workers, and visitors to Rockville, whether the birds reside here year-round or pass through during migration; and

WHEREAS, birds provide important ecological and economic benefits through pest control, pollination, seed dispersal, local food webs, biodiversity, and recreation and tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, due to increasing threats along their migration routes and their summer and winter habitats, and

WHEREAS, since 1993, World Migratory Bird Day has focused public attention on nearly 350 species of migratory birds and their habitats throughout the Americas, while inspiring communities across the Bird City Network to celebrate, learn about, and take action to conserve them; and

WHEREAS, Bird City Maryland is part of the Bird City Network, an initiative to build relationships within local communities and encourage sound bird-conservation practices by offering public recognition to those that succeed in enhancing the environment for birds and educating the public about the interactions between birds and people and about the contributions birds make to a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville demonstrates its commitment to environmental stewardship, education, and habitat conservation through the Comprehensive Plan, Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan, Climate Action Plan, community education programs, and volunteer efforts, including the Croydon Creek Nature Center, the City's primary center for environmental education and birding resources, and the City's parks and natural areas, which provide valuable birding hotspots and opportunities to experience and appreciate native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Rockville finds that it is in the best interest of the community and its residents to show its support for the Bird City Maryland initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Rockville, by adoption of this Resolution hereby show its support of the Bird City Maryland initiative and World Migratory Bird Day.

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I certify that the above is a true and correct copy
of a Resolution Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the
City of Rockville, Maryland at its meeting of September 14, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sara Taylor-Ferrell", is written over a horizontal line.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations