



**RESOLUTION 2020-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRAFTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE TOWN OF GRAFTON'S OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY**

**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 the Americas, 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 migratory 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 bird populations, 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 the southern United States, and

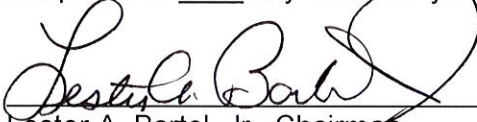
**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of people will observe IMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun, and

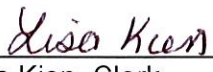
**WHEREAS**, while IMBD officially is held each year on the second Saturday in May, its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and celebrants, and

**WHEREAS**, IMBD 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 Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Grafton, Wisconsin does hereby declare that the Town of Grafton will observe IMBD in May 2020, (the exact date will be shared once it is set) to foster appreciation for birds, to support migratory bird conservation, and to celebrate the Town of Grafton's continued designation as a Bird City.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

  
Lester A. Bartel, Jr., Chairman

  
Lisa Kien, Clerk

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