



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

**“World Migratory Bird Day”
May 13, 2023**

- WHEREAS:** North American Bird Populations are declining at alarming rates, with more than three billion birds lost and overall numbers decreasing by 25 percent; and,
- WHEREAS:** Migratory Birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas due to a growing number of threats along their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes; and,
- WHEREAS:** Birds play an essential role in maintaining a healthy and resilient environment, yet cities and towns in particular have become hazardous to birds by posing many threats including habitat loss, pesticide use, predatory free-range cats and collisions with reflective windows and lighted buildings; and,
- WHEREAS:** The presence of birds provides a boost to the economy and ecotourism, with diverse spinoff potentials; and,
- WHEREAS:** Windsor continues to move toward the creation of a national urban park at the Ojibway Prairie Complex, with new infrastructure and initiatives across the community in places like Peche Island, Black Oak Heritage Park, and other locations, to improve bird habitat in Windsor; and
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

May 13, 2023

**“World Migratory Bird Day”
in the City of Windsor.**



Mayor