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Mayor declares May 13, 2023 World Migratory Bird Day

Kerrville, Texas (May 12, 2023) – On May 9, Mayor Judy Eychner signed a resolution declaring May 13, 2023 as World Migratory Bird Day in Kerrville. World Migratory Bird Day was established in 2018 in an attempt to strengthen global recognition and appreciation of migratory birds and the urgent need for their conservation. Kerrville sits in the Central Flyway zone and is blessed with many beautiful migratory waterfowl and shorebirds that are essential to our community's ecosystem. Migratory birds travel thousands of miles yearly to reproduce, allocate food sources, and increase their likelihood of survival. Birds contribute to the ecosystem by acting as natural pest control and are an important part of the pollination process. Migratory birds also contribute to tourism, bringing thousands of visitors to Texas each year to engage in bird watching. This activity is a great recreation source and encourages people to get outside and be active. The City of Kerrville is proud to raise awareness of the importance of Texas' more than 600 migratory birds.

Here are some ways you can help protect migratory birds:

- Opt for native plants;
- Consider keeping your cat indoors;
- Turn off non-essential lights from 11 p.m. – 6 a.m.;
- Provide food, cover, and water for birds.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, recreation@kerrvilletx.gov, visit the city's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov, or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department or Instagram at cityofkerrville.

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