RESOLUTION NO. 120825-04

A Resolution Recognizing World 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 health bird populations; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 World 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 U.S.; 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 I, Patrick Kenny, as Village President of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2026 as **World Migratory Bird Day** in the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, and I urge all citizens to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and the world at large.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Village Board for the Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake this 8th day of December 2025.

VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF
FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

By: _____
Patrick Kenny, Village President

Attest: _____
Bonnie Liptak, Village Clerk