

Resolution to Become a Bird City

RESOLUTION NO. 02-16-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MENDOTA, ILLINOIS, TO SUPPORT THE ILLINOIS BIRD CITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, migratory birds are a valued and important part of our natural environment, providing ecological, economic, and recreational benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mendota has a responsibility to protect and conserve birds and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, more than 230 species of birds travel through our area annually, and many of these species are in decline; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Bird City programs promote community-based conservation actions that make our community a safer, healthier place for birds and people, including habitat creation, reducing threats to birds, and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Mendota Art Commission has proposed that City of Mendota submit an application to become a certified "Bird City";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mendota hereby endorses the application for Bird City designation and authorizes the Friends of Kakusha to submit an application and necessary fees to Illinois Bird City programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City formally recognizes and supports the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Mendota will continue to work to protect, restore, and enhance habitats for birds and to implement policies that reduce hazards for birds in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2026.

SIGNED:



David W. Boelk, Mayor

Attest:


Emily McConville, City Clerk

**THE CITY OF MENDOTA, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR**

WHEREAS, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our City and State; and

WHEREAS, the great State of Illinois is proud to be a natural leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption and road wear, and contributes in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, it is especially meaningful that the citizens of our City and State be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. [A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education] continually promote motorcycle safety, education, and awareness in High School Drivers Education programs and to the general public in our City and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 120,000 participants in Illinois over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, all motorcyclists should join A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. in actively promoting the safe operation of motorcycles well as promoting motorcycle safety, education, awareness and respect of the citizens of our City and State; and

WHEREAS, the motorcyclists of Illinois have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the City of Mendota and throughout the great State of Illinois;

THEREFORE, I David W. Boelk, Mayor of the City of Mendota, in the great State of Illinois, in recognition of over 30 years of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. and over 293,676 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY, 2026 AS

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Mendota, and urge all motorcyclists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.



David W. Boelk, Mayor

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Mendota to be affixed this 16th day of February, in the year TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX.





Emily J. McConville, City Clerk

**CITY OF MENDOTA
WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY
PROCLAMATION**

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 (formerly International Migratory Bird Day) 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 WMBD, 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 WMBD 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, WMBD 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, I, David W. Boelk, Mayor of the City of Mendota by the authority vested in me, do hereby declare May 9, 2026 to be

World Migratory Bird Day

in Mendota 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.

Proclaimed this day by:



David W. Boelk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emily J. McConville, City Clerk

