

**CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WEST SAINT PAUL AS A BIRD CITY, USA

WHEREAS, improving wildlife habitat for birds helps countless other species including plants and pollinators; and

WHEREAS, wild birds pollinate flowers, disseminate seeds, and help keep insect populations under control. Robust, diverse bird populations reflect the underlying health of the ecosystem in which they, and we, live; and

WHEREAS, we grow our community's environmental reputation by participating in this statewide conservation program and displaying our Bird City status proudly; and

WHEREAS, adoption of Bird City USA status supports Green Step City advancement in the Best Practice area of "Design for Natural Resource Conservation"; and

WHEREAS, the city has many existing bird friendly habitats, such as Marthaler Park, which will be designated as the official city site; and

WHEREAS, International Migratory Bird Day will be recognized annually during West Saint Paul Days, or May 18.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the West St. Paul City Council that the City of West Saint Paul adopt the title of Bird City USA.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 24th day of February 2020.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor

Shirley R Buecksler, City Clerk