



PROCLAMATION WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY May 9, 2026

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, providing pollination services, and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining in our region, in our state, and throughout the Americas, and are facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter home; and

WHEREAS, River Forest, situated along the Des Plaines River and surrounding Forest Preserves, is located within a corridor heavily relied upon by migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation; and

WHEREAS, citizens are enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face from nocturnal light pollution, loss of native habitat, and chemical pollution to water and soils, 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

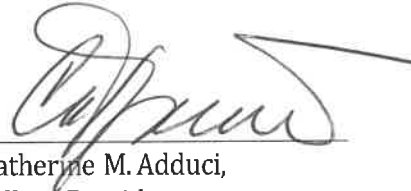
WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

WHEREAS, while World Migratory Bird Day 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, World Migratory Bird Day 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 by individuals, homeowners, organizations and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CATHERINE ADDUCI, President of the Village of River Forest, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2026 as World Migratory Bird Day in the Village of River Forest, and I encourages all residents, businesses, and organizations 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.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of River Forest, this 23rd day of March, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine M. Adduci', written over a horizontal line.

Catherine M. Adduci,
Village President