



WHEREAS, birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities, and

WHEREAS, many communities recognize and value birds that are residents and those that pass through during their migration seasons, and

WHEREAS, birds play an important ecological role in our community, controlling insect pests and contributing to pollination and seed dispersal, 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, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S., and

WHEREAS, throughout the Bird City Network, thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, and

WHEREAS, community members enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations, and

WHEREAS, sound policies and practices enhancing natural ecosystems and reducing threats to birds also make healthier communities for people, and

WHEREAS, Bird City Maryland is in initiative to build relationships within local communities and guide action to protect and conserve birds, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Middletown finds that it is in the best interest of the community and its residents to show its support for the Bird City Maryland initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Middletown will celebrate World Migratory Bird Day every spring beginning with our first celebration to be held on May 18, 2024.

Dated this eighteenth day of May, two thousand twenty-four

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN

John D. Miller, Burgess