

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, migratory birds fly over Indianapolis each year from and to great distances, especially during the peak times of April 15 to July 1 and September 1 to October 31; and

WHEREAS, at night, lights on buildings, homes, businesses, and other structures can confuse migrating birds. Confusion can lead to the birds crashing into lighted structures, causing death and injury to the birds and damage to property; and

WHEREAS, death and injury to migrating birds and property damage can be mitigated by minimizing lighting during stated peak periods. It is in public interest and safety that such birds such as warblers, orioles, tanagers, grosbeaks, and other such birds be safe while passing through Marion County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis encourages all residents and property owners to minimize their use of lighting from dusk to dawn from April 15 to July 1 and September 1 to October 31. Together, we can offer migrating birds a safer passage through our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 15 – JULY 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 31, 2024 AS:

LIGHT REDUCTION FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS DAYS

in the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR.

JOSEPH H. HOGSETT

MAYOR

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS