RESOLUTION
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

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 migrants 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 healthy bird populations; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 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 community 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 IMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

WHEREAS, while IMBD 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, IMBD 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, Andrew J. Halverson, as Mayor of the City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2010 as

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in the City of Stevens Point, 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.

APPROVED: _____
Andrew J. Halverson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
John Moe, City Clerk

Dated: March 19, 2010
Adopted: April 19, 2010