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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
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PROCLAMATION

I, ALEX NUTTALL, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

May 13, 2023

as

World Migratory Bird Day

- WHEREAS;** The theme for World Migratory Bird Day in 2023 is The Importance of Water for Birds; and
- WHEREAS;** World migratory bird day ecosystems are becoming increasingly threatened around the world, and so are the migratory birds that depend on them; and
- WHEREAS;** Our wetlands, lakes, streams, marshes, and ponds are all vital for feeding, drinking or nesting, and also are places to rest and refuel during their long migratory journeys; and
- WHEREAS;** The increasing human demand for water, as well as pollution and climate change, are having a direct impact on the availability of clean water and food such as native fish and plants; and
- WHEREAS;** Barrie by virtue of its location on the sheltered shores of Kempenfelt Bay, and the Nottawasaga Valley creek system, is an important destination for migratory birds that stop here to feed and rest; and
- WHEREAS;** The Barrie Bird Friendly City Team, Nature Barrie, and Nature Canada invite you to celebrate, discover, and welcome our returning birds, and address the problems that pollution, over-consumption of water, and fossil fuels create for them. Residents and neighbours of this city, young and old, are encouraged to participate in "Dim the Lights for Birds at Night" from May to mid-June or join one of our expert-led walks from one of the parks near water habitats in Barrie. For more information see www.bfnclub.org, www.birdday.ca and www.worldmigratorybirdday.org.
- THEREFORE,** I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **May 13, 2023** as **"World Migratory Bird Day."**

Alex Nuttall,
Mayor