



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate 2018 as the Year of the Bird

**WHEREAS**, Birds are present in every environment urban or rural, wetland or prairie and are an ever-present reminder that nature is all around us; and

**WHEREAS**, each spring, Ohio is home to one of North America's largest migrations when Ohio provides some of the most memorable visual spectacles in nature with the arrival of over one millions birds and the spotting of over 400 species; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio plays a critical role on an International scale for migratory birds that have no boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Audubon and Bird Life International recognize Ohio with 70 Important Birding areas encompassing 3,687,883 acres of land; and

**WHEREAS**, annually 2.4 million Ohioans watch birds and that 3.5 million "wildlife watchers" spend \$2 billion dollars for equipment, supplies, and travel and that the Biggest Week in American Birding brings 90,000 visitors from around the world, proving that where birds thrive people prosper; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the 2018 as the Year of the Bird.