

**City of St. Charles, Illinois
Resolution No. 2024-**

A Resolution to Designate the City of St. Charles as a Bird City

**Presented & Passed by the
City Council on April 15, 2024**

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

WHEREAS, many citizens 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, birds and their habitats are declining throughout Illinois and North America, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter habitat, and

WHEREAS, public education, awareness, and concern are crucial components of 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, birds contribute to an economic increase by attracting tourists and generating revenue, and

WHEREAS, climate change is the number one threat to birds and local leaders should adopt environmentally sound policies and practices that protect birds and their habitat, and

WHEREAS, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 is important legislation that we need to continue to uphold in our local communities to ensure the protection of migratory birds, and

WHEREAS, Bird City Illinois is an initiative to build relationships with local municipalities and citizens of the community for a call to action to protect and conserve birds.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this April 15, 2024.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this April 15, 2024.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this April 15, 2024.

Lora Vitek, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE: Ayes ____; Nays ____; Absent ____; Abstain ____.