



## ***Proclamation***

### **HRM Bird Week May 13-20, 2023**

WHEREAS International Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to mark the return of spring migratory birds in the Northern Hemisphere and raise awareness about birds worldwide; and

WHEREAS in the last 50 years, North American bird populations have dropped by more than 25%, with particularly sharp declines in shorebirds, aerial insectivores, and forest birds; and

WHEREAS municipalities pose many threats for birds, including habitat loss, pollution, cat predation and window strikes, but also many opportunities for conservation through urban forestry, planting native species in open spaces, and public education that can reach thousands of people; and

WHEREAS Halifax Regional Municipality was certified as a Bird Friendly City (Entry Level) by Nature Canada in 2022 and is making an effort to work with community partners to improve our region for birds and provide educational opportunities for residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage on behalf of Regional Council do hereby proclaim the second Saturday in May to the following Saturday as "Bird Week" and residents are encouraged to get out and explore the birds in your neighbourhood; get involved with local naturalist organizations; plant native species in your garden, turn off or turn down your lights to reduce light pollution; and consider putting stickers and other decals on your windows to reduce window strikes.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
This 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023



  
Mike Savage  
Mayor