



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"BIRD MONTH"

WHEREAS Vancouver is home to over 300 bird species with four internationally recognized Important Bird Areas and is a major stop along the Pacific Flyway traversed by more than a billion migratory birds each year;

AND WHEREAS Birds inspire us with their beauty, their grace and their tenacity, pausing in our backyards and at our bird feeders along their incredible migrations, singing in the dawn and reminding us of the interconnected web we live in from pole to pole;

AND WHEREAS Vancouver has, since 2011, continued to expand upon World Migratory Bird Day activities with increased programming to highlight the need for the protection of migratory birds and their habitats;

AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver approved the Vancouver Bird Strategy in 2015 to raise awareness of the needs of our native birds and to create conditions for them to thrive;

AND WHEREAS The Vancouver Park Board approved the Biodiversity Strategy in 2016 to guide the Parks Board's ongoing work to protect, enhance and restore biodiversity throughout the park system;

AND WHEREAS Vancouver elected Anna's Hummingbird as its Official City Bird in May 2017;

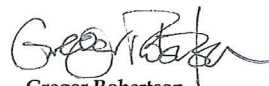
AND WHEREAS 2018 marks the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the most powerful and important bird protection law ever passed and nature lovers around the world are joining forces to celebrate 2018 as the "Year of the Bird";

AND WHEREAS Vancouver hosts the 27th International Ornithological Congress and the inaugural Vancouver International Bird Festival in August 2018:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM August 2018 as

"BIRD MONTH"

in the City of Vancouver.


Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

