A PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

WHEREAS, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (formerly International Migratory Bird Day) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S., *and*

WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities, *and*

WHEREAS, many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring, *and*

WHEREAS, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide, *and*

WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes, *and*

WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation, *and*

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun, *and*

WHEREAS, THE City of League City supports efforts to foster appreciation for wild birds and to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and has organized "The Big Sit" to identify and count birds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REASOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The facts and opinions in the preamble of this Proclamation are true and correct.

<u>Section 2.</u> That the City Council of the City of League City hereby recognizes May 15 2021, as WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY.

PASSED AND APPROVED the _____ day of _____.