



Resolution 2018-33

Year of the Bird Proclamation Newtown Township Pennsylvania

Whereas, Birds symbolize nature's interconnectedness and the importance of caring for our shared planet; and

Whereas, Birds are important for pollination, pest control, rodent control, seed propagation, weed control, nutrient recycling, and beauty, and bird watching is beneficial to mental health; and

Whereas, Each spring and fall hundreds of thousands of migratory songbirds fly through Newtown Township and are sited at Newtown Meadow Preserve, Earles Lake and Drexel Lodge among other locations within the township, and counted by local bird watchers; and

Whereas, Over 69 species of birds are recorded in Newtown Township and many of these migrate through or are residents of the township that they use for food and shelter; and

Whereas, Birding activities bring people into Newtown Township and aid the economy, an example of where birds thrive – people prosper; and

Whereas, Climate change is the number one threat to birds; and

Whereas, 2018 is the centennial year of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which protects birds in our backyards

Whereas, 2018 also marks the next 100 years where we will continue to protect birds and the places they need.

Now Therefore, be it Resolved, by the Newtown Township Board of Supervisors, by virtue of the authority vested therein, do hereby proclaim 2018 the Year of the Bird and urge all citizens to take due note of the observance and to support the spirit of this proclamation for years to come.

ADOPTED, this 26th day of November, 2018.



**NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: _____

John A. Nawn, Chairman

ATTEST: Stephen M. Nease
Stephen M. Nease, Township Manager