



# Proclamation

- Whereas:* Nature is an invaluable resource to the community that is crucial to the spirit of the City of Virginia Beach and treasured by its people; and
- Whereas:* Wildlife viewing, a pastime enjoyed by many, finds many unique and rewarding encounters here as Virginia Beach is home to many prime locations for spotting wildlife as part of the statewide Bird and Wildlife Trail system; and
- Whereas:* Virginia Beach is abundant in resources for birds migrating along the Atlantic Flyway, which in turn offers unique opportunities to both locals and tourists, seeking to observe these impressive creatures. This geographic advantage makes this city a premier destination for birding and wildlife viewing; and
- Whereas:* The Winter Wildlife Festival continues to evolve and succeed in its mission of education; evoking a sense of responsibility and wonder about wildlife to thousands of people through a variety of dynamic experiences; and
- Whereas:* The Winter Wildlife Festival is a proven example of successful collaboration between multiple federal, state and municipal agencies as well as local business and non-profits to turn a beautiful vision in to a successful, on-going tradition in Virginia Beach; and
- Whereas:* This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Winter Wildlife Festival, it is a celebration that has accomplished and contributed so much to the City of Virginia Beach and that will continue to flourish for many more years to come.

Now Therefore, I Robert M. Dyer, Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, do hereby proclaim:

## January 24 - 26, 2020 Winter Wildlife Weekend

*In Virginia Beach, and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Virginia Beach to recommit our awareness and understanding of local wildlife to better serve as stewards of nature so that we may lead others in our communities.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be affixed this Twenty – Fourth Day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty.*

Robert M. “Bobby” Dyer  
Mayor