**DRAFT – BIRDS TELL US CLIMATE RESOLUTION**

**SAMPLE BIRDS TELL US RESOLUTION TEXT**

**WHEREAS,** Birds tell us that it is time to act on climate change, with two-thirds of North American bird species at risk of extinction due to our warming planet; and

**WHEREAS,** We can reduce bird species’ vulnerability by limiting warming; and

**WHEREAS,** To avoid the worst effects of climate change we need to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050; and

**WHEREAS,** Healthy natural spaces, such as forests, grasslands, and parks, store carbon dioxide from the air, and their conservation creates more of the places that birds need to live, makes healthier and more resilient communities for people, and reduces global warming at the same time; and

**WHEREAS,** Renewable energy sources like wind, solar, and geothermal are key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, which is what we must do to stall global temperature rise; and

**WHEREAS,** Policies and practices to fight the effects of climate change make economic and ecological sense and we must implement economy-wide solutions; and

**WHEREAS,** Low-income communities and communities of color bear a disproportionate burden of poor air quality and increased climate threat; and

**WHEREAS,** We must adapt and plan for the impacts of climate change in our communities, taking environmental justice into consideration; and

**WHEREAS,** We must invest in new technologies and innovations that provide additional solutions to climate change;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the [town/city] council supports comprehensive state and federal legislation that sets binding targets that drive large-scale emissions reductions, invest in renewable technology, utilize natural climate solutions, center the needs of low-income communities and communities of color, and protect or expand the places that birds need.

**APPROVED this [day] of [month], [year].**