

## **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2021 AS NATIONAL BIRD FEEDING MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Frankville and Town of West Pelzer was established as a Bird Sanctuary by Ordinance by the Aldermen in 1913 and 1918; and,

**WHEREAS,** February is one of the most difficult months in the United States for wild birds, therefore it is recognized as National Bird-Feeding Month. During this month, individuals are encouraged to provide food, water, and shelter to help wild birds survive. This assistance benefits the environment by supplementing the wild bird's natural diet of weed seeds and insects. Currently, one-third of the U.S. adult population feeds wild birds in their backyards; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, backyard bird feeding is an entertaining, educational, and inexpensive pastime enjoyed by children and adults. Bird feeding provides a needed break from today's frantic lifestyles. Adults enjoy the relaxation and peacefulness afforded by watching birds -- nature serves to relieve the stress and can get one's day going on a tranquil note; and

**WHEREAS,** Young children are naturally drawn to the activities involved in feeding wild birds, which can serve as excellent educational tools. Children can identify different species of birds with a field guide and can learn about the birds' feeding and living habits. These observations can then provide excellent research opportunities for school projects and reports; and

**WHEREAS,** Feeding wild birds in the backyard is an easy hobby to start and need not overtax the family budget. It can be as simple as mounting a single feeder outside a window and filling it with bird seed mix. For many people, the hobby progresses from there. They discover the relationship between the type and location of feeders, and the seeds offered in them, and the number and varieties of birds attracted. Parents can challenge an inquisitive child's mind as they explore together these factors in trying to encourage; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and City Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, that the Town of West Pelzer is hereby designating February as National Bird Feeding Month; and,

Thus proclaimed and adopted on February 16, 2021.