



them to safely proceed with their journeys; and

WHEREAS, with each passing season, light pollution continues to increase as Nashville continues to grow, and more and more birds are at risk; and

WHEREAS, Lights Out Nashville is an initiative that aims to raise awareness of this issue in order to provide safe passage for migratory birds and is supported by Bird Safe Nashville, Metro Parks' Nature Centers and Natural Resources program, the Audubon Society, Cumberland Harpeth Chapter; Tennessee Ornithological Society, Nashville Chapter; Owls Hill Nature Sanctuary, Cumberland River Compact, and Nashville Wildlife Conservation Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as proclaiming the period of March through May and August through October as LIGHTS OUT NIGHTS in Nashville, Tennessee. The Metro Council encourages all of our residents, community partners, and business owners to help protect birds by turning off all non-essential lighting during the critical bird migration period, which is between dusk and dawn every night March through May and August through October.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County requiring it.