



Legislation Text

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Resolution Supporting Safe Passage Great Lakes Days

Whereas, The Michigan cities of Detroit, Southfield and Jackson have already passed Safe Passage resolutions and Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm issued a proclamation in designating the periods of March 15 to May 31 and August 15 to October 31 as Safe Passage Great Lakes days; and

Whereas, The Washtenaw Audubon Society and Michigan Audubon Society encourage business owners, building management organizations and property owners to cooperate with the Project Safe Passage program;

RESOLVED, That the City Council of Ann Arbor encourages area support to the Audubon Societies in their furtherance of Safe Passage Great Lakes Days, during Spring and Fall annual migrations annually of March 15 through May 31, and August 15 through October 31;

RESOLVED, That the City Council directs staff in city buildings to turn off lights or pull shades from the 5th floor and above between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM (sunrise) where ever possible and practical during Safe Passage Great Lakes Days to help protect seasonal bird migration safety;

RESOLVED, The City encourages property managers and tenants of other area buildings five floors and higher to participate in the seasonal Safe Passage Great Lakes days; and

RESOLVED, The City also encourages all individuals to always turn off lights when they leave an office or a residence, and to raise awareness of the fatal light problem by discussing it with family, friends and colleagues. Those citizens who live and/or work at night on floors 5 and higher and who wish to minimize fatal light problems can also act to 1) use desk lamps and task lighting that will minimize perimeter lighting, 2) re-schedule night work, 3) establish interior working areas or use blinds and curtains to conceal lighted areas.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Teall, Hohnke, Smith and Taylor