



## Legislation Text

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### Resolution Reiterating Support for Safe Passage Great Lakes Days

Whereas, In 2009, the City of Ann Arbor joined other Michigan cities including Detroit, Southfield and Jackson in passing Safe Passage resolutions and then Governor Jennifer Granholm issued a proclamation designating the periods of March 15 to May 31 and August 15 to October 31 as Safe Passage Great Lakes days;

Whereas, In the past six years, new residential and commercial buildings have been completed and occupied, and many of these new residents have not learned of Safe Passage Great Lakes days; and

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor, the Washtenaw Audubon Society and the Michigan Audubon Society continue to 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 reiterates its 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 continues to direct 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: Council Members Briere, Grand, Warpehoski and Mayor Taylor