

RESOLUTION NO. 23-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL CITY BIRD**

WHEREAS the City of Richmond is committed to elevating the quality of life for its residents and businesses by pursuing innovative policies that advance sustainable development, environmental justice, and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS 2018 has been recognized by the National Audubon Society, National Geographic, BirdLife International, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as Year of the Bird to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act – the most significant federal legislative protection for migratory birds; and

WHEREAS the City of Richmond has established regulations and initiatives that have earned the status of being a Bird Friendly City; and

WHEREAS many cities, states, and countries designate specific bird species to serve as a symbolic representation of their culture and identity; and

WHEREAS Richmond has not yet officially designated a city bird; and

WHEREAS, the Osprey is a resilient bird with a remarkable adaptability to living in urban areas, and whose population has come close to extinction, but is now experiencing a strong increase; and

WHEREAS Richmond is currently home to the most number of successful breeding Osprey pairs with a total of 15 nests, 10 of which raised and fledged 23 new Ospreys collectively; and

WHEREAS a pair of Ospreys fondly named Richmond and Rosie have built a nest at the top of the Whirley Crane situated next to the historic Red Oak Victory Ship on Point Potrero, and the Osprey pair and the hatchlings they raise are enjoying widespread fame due to the 24/7 webcam streaming of their nest; and

WHEREAS the Osprey is a migratory bird that can be found living all around the world along coastal and inland waterways, and is closely linked to the health of the watershed environment and has been greatly impacted by ecological damage caused by pollution and human activity; and

WHEREAS the Osprey would serve as an excellent symbol for the City of Richmond given its bold personality and industrious lifestyle, and as a representation of our strong-willed, tenacious, and dynamic community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Tom Butt and the Richmond City Council do hereby designate the Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) as the official bird of the City of Richmond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond reaffirms its commitments to advancing the health, safety and prosperity of our residents and the natural environment that we inhabit, to the benefit of all people, wildlife and their habitat.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held April 17, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Beckles, Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Mayor Willis, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 23-18**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on April 17, 2018.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond