

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MADISON SUPPORTING  
THE NEW JERSEY WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey is home to a rich diversity of wildlife and ecologically significant natural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's wildlife and wild places are under threat from development, fragmentation, invasive species and the impacts of people; and

**WHEREAS**, the populations of mammals, birds, invertebrates, fish, reptiles and amphibians that live in and migrate through New Jersey find themselves clinging to smaller and smaller pieces of wild clean lands and aquatic habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, it is more cost-effective to prevent species from becoming imperiled than it is to recover them once their populations have declined; and

**WHEREAS**, a naturally functioning and healthy ecosystem represents a healthy environment for NJ wildlife and our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, other state and federal agencies, and many partners in conservation have worked together to develop a state Wildlife Action Plan for the benefit of biologists, wildlife experts, municipal leaders, land stewards, non-profit organizations, educators, planners, researchers, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, landowners and all the people who know the wild places of New Jersey State; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Wildlife Action plan is a comprehensive action agenda for the conservation of native wildlife, the restoration of important lands and water, and public education targeting the needs of rare wildlife in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of, and visitors to, New Jersey also enjoy and benefit from New Jersey's wildlife and wild spaces.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Madison, County of Morris, State of New Jersey to support the philosophy of the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan with the intent of making the Borough of Madison an ecologically sustainable community.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED

May 29, 2019

  
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ROBERT H. CONLEY, Mayor

Attest:

  
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ELIZABETH OSBORNE, Borough Clerk