

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, an “Important Bird Area” means any waters or lands of a state, or portions thereof, that provide habitat to one or more species of breeding or nonbreeding birds and that are bounded by natural or anthropogenic features or boundaries and are prioritized as a Global, Continental, or State level of significance; and

*W*HEREAS, the Important Bird Area identification process provides a data-driven means for cataloging the most important sites for birds throughout the country and the world, and the use of a hierarchical classification system further helps to establish priorities for conservation and natural resource education efforts especially when such data is developed in a collaborative way with a variety of stakeholders; and

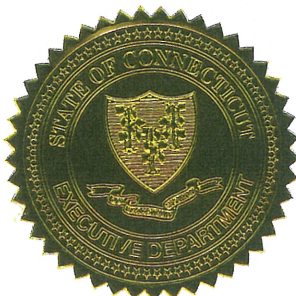
*W*HEREAS, Important Bird Areas are beneficial in supporting: species of conservation concern (e.g. threatened and endangered species; restricted-range species (species vulnerable because they are not widely distributed); species that are vulnerable because their populations are concentrated in one general habitat type or biome and species, or groups of similar species (such as waterfowl or shorebirds), that are vulnerable because they occur at high densities due to their congregatory behavior; and


*W*HEREAS, establishing Important Bird Areas in Connecticut to safeguard and enhance populations of wild birds that are native to the Connecticut and the habitats that such wild birds depend upon for breeding, migration, shelter and sustenance; and

*W*HEREAS, there is a need to establish a framework for the purpose of advising the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on the creation of an Important Bird Area program that shall include, but not limited to, the identification and recognition of critical bird habitats and the promotion of bird conservation in the state; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2014, as

IMPORTANT BIRD AREA DAY
in the State of Connecticut.




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