

# *Proclamation*

## Lights Out, Texas April 22 – May 12, 2025 September 5 – October 29, 2025

**WHEREAS** each year, nearly two billion birds migrate through the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS** These birds must contend with a rapidly increasing but under-recognized threat: light pollution; Light attracts and disorients migrating birds, making them vulnerable to collisions with buildings and other urban threats; and

**WHEREAS** turning out non-essential lights also provides additional benefits such as reducing electricity consumption, saving money, and reducing pollution associated with power production; and

**WHEREAS** Farmers Branch is joining an international effort to reduce bird-building collisions by proposing and implementing a simple solution to protect birds: turning off non-essential lighting during critical migration periods. Turning off non-essential lights dramatically reduces hazards to migrating birds, allowing them to safely proceed with their journeys; and

**WHEREAS** Lights Out, Texas is a statewide initiative that aims to raise awareness of this issue and is facilitated by Audubon Texas in collaboration with conservation nonprofits, universities governmental organizations, and Texans dedicated to the conservation of birds; and

**WHEREAS** residents and business owners are encouraged to help protect birds and save energy by turning off all non-essential lighting across the City from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the spring and fall critical bird migration periods: April 22 – May 12 and September 5 – October 29, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Lynne**, Mayor of the City of Farmers Branch, hereby proclaim the critical migration periods of April 22 – May 12 and September 5 – October 29, 2025, as Lights Out Nights.

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**Mayor, Terry Lynne**