

CITY OF MONROE OFFICIAL BIRD

WHEREAS, the Vaux's Swift is a unique bird as they look and act like swallows but their closest relative is the hummingbird; and

WHEREAS, the Vaux's Swift is the smallest out of four North American Swifts, measuring 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches with a wingspan of only 12 inches; and

WHEREAS, the Vaux's Swift use their claws to cling to rough surfaces, such as a chimney, rather than perch in trees; and

WHEREAS, the migratory patterns of the Vaux's Swift extend as far south as Mexico to as far north as Canada, and Monroe, Washington is an annual roosting spot for the Vaux's Swifts; and

WHEREAS, several thousand Vaux's Swifts migrate through Monroe, Washington each Spring and Fall season; and

WHEREAS, the Vaux's Swift roosts in the Frank Wagner Elementary School chimney and the Pilchuck Audubon Society, Vaux's Happening, Monroe School District, and the City of Monroe hosts an annual "Swift Night Out" for the community; and

WHEREAS, the decommissioned Frank Wagner Elementary chimney is recognized as an important communal migratory roosting site in North America with up to twenty thousand Vaux's Swifts resting in the chimney in any given night; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe community supports and attends the annual "Swift Night Out" and 2016 will be the eighth year the event will be celebrated; and

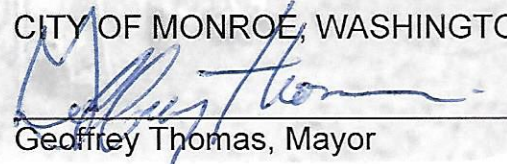
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The Vaux's Swift is hereby designated as the official bird of the City of Monroe, Washington.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Monroe, at its regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 16th day of August, 2016.



CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON


Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor