

**COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

For the March 12, 2025
Regular Council Meeting

Introduced by: Mayor Michael L. Booker
Supported by:

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE WILD TURKEY BE DESIGNATED AS THE
OFFICIAL BIRD OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY**

- **WHEREAS,**
 - The Wild Turkey is one of two birds that are the only two domesticated birds native to North America.
 - In the early 1500s, European explorers brought Wild Turkeys to North America from Mexico
 - Wild Turkeys were domesticated birds centuries earlier;
 - Wild Turkey numbers dwindled through the twentieth century to the point where they were listed as endangered;
 - A large group of Wild Turkeys has been known to migrate around the Village at various locations including the Village Fire Station property, Cuyahoga Community College, residential and public school areas;
 - At times, the Village Safety Forces are called for assistance to shoo them away but have yet to arrest or even detain even one of the many Wild Turkeys;
 - They are often found to disrupt a person's attempt to enter the Fire Station offices;
 - This group of Wild Turkeys has been around Highland Hills for many, many years such that the birds are well known to the Villagers and have made the Village their home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO:**

Section 1: The Wild Turkey is hereby designated as the official bird of the Village of Highland Hills.

Section 2: Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an orderly meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Highland Hills, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 12th day of March, 2025.

First Reading ☒ Second Reading _____ Third Reading _____

Vote: Pride ☒ yea ___ nay ___ Greene ☒ yea ___ nay ___ Mills ☒ yea ___ nay ___
McManus ☒ yea ___ nay ___ Wright ___ yea ___ nay ___



Cassandra Pride
President of Council

3/12/25

Date

Attest: Margaret Sikon
Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council

3/12/25

Date

Filed with the Mayor: ☒ _____

3/14/25

Date

Approved By: 
Michael L. Booker, Mayor

3/14/25

Date