



**GEORGIAN BAY  
BIOSPHERE**  
MNIDOO GAMII

October 15, 2024

RE: International Day for Biosphere Reserves

Dear Council,

As a community situated within the Georgian Bay Mnidoo Gamii Biosphere region, we would like to invite you to celebrate the “International Day for Biosphere Reserves” declared by UNESCO for November 3rd.

According to UNESCO, “the purpose of this international day is to provide a wake-up call on the importance of caring for the environment and achieving a balance between human activities and the conservation of natural resources - and on the leading role that the World Network of Biosphere Reserves plays in this regard.”

They further state that the “International Day for Biosphere Reserves is to be commemorated at national and local levels through activities and events that contribute to a better knowledge of the role and impact of biosphere reserves.”

The eastern Georgian Bay region is unique on the planet, known for its freshwater archipelago, coastal wetlands, upland forests and inland lakes. It is home to more than 50 species at risk and represents an opportunity for human development that is in balance with nature. Through the efforts of community partnerships and local projects, together we are advancing biodiversity protection and sustainable livelihoods for all.

Should your Council wish to formally recognize November 3rd or display the Biosphere flag, draft Resolutions are attached for your consideration. A member of our Board or a staff member would try to be available for a photo op.

We look forward to celebrating the International Day for Biosphere Reserves with you!

Yours Sincerely,

Becky Pollock, PhD  
Executive Director



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## **DRAFT RESOLUTION**

That whereas in November 2021, the 41st session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated November 3 as the International Day for Biosphere Reserves, and

Whereas the purpose of this international day is to provide a wake-up call on the importance of caring for the environment and achieving a balance between human activities and the conservation of natural resources - and on the leading role that the World Network of Biosphere Reserves plays in this regard; and

Whereas the intention of this international day is to mobilize and acknowledge the commitment, actions and solutions by the people, institutions and partners that make up the global network;

Now Therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ [Council] hereby proclaims November 3, 2024 and every November 3 thereafter as International Day for Biosphere Reserves in the \_\_\_\_\_ [township name]; and

That the \_\_\_\_\_ [Council] celebrates the Georgian Bay Mnidoo Gamii Biosphere as one of the 738 biosphere reserves in the world and commends the organization's work in protecting the environment, building vibrant communities, and supporting a healthy economy by building capacity through education and culture.

## **DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR DISPLAYING A FLAG**

Now Therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ hereby proclaims that the Georgian Bay Biosphere Flag shall be displayed at \_\_\_\_\_ annually on November 3rd.