



March 9, 2017

The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville
2021 Division Road North
Kingsville, ON
N9Y 2Y9

Attention: Sandra Kitchen, Deputy Clerk Council Services

The Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation would like to formally submit a request to the Town of Kingsville and Kingsville Council to consider creating two proclamations declaring that April 10, 2017 be "Jack Miner Day" and the week of April 10, 2017 be "National Wildlife Week" in the Town of Kingsville.

Born in Dover Centre (now Westlake) Ohio on April 10, 1865, Jack Miner moved with his family to Gosfield South Township at the age of 13. There, his family operated a brick and tile yard and Jack became a market hunter to help supplement the family income. In 1904, Jack Miner founded his Migratory Bird Sanctuary and began the process of actively trying to encourage waterfowl to migrate to his property. In 1909 Jack Miner began the practise of banding wild ducks as they passed through his Sanctuary in order to track their migratory patterns. Jack was one of the first in North America to develop this practise. In 1915 Jack Miner extended his banding to include Canada Geese and he began stamping each band with a unique Bible verse. By the time of his death in 1944, Jack had banded over 50,000 wild ducks and 40,000 migrating Canada Geese.

During his lifetime, Jack Miner befriended some of the leading thinkers and politicians of his time including Henry Ford, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, members of the Dutch Royal Family, and Detroit Tiger Ty Cobb. At the time of his death, Jack Miner was ranked by several American newspapers as one of the 5 best known men in North America along with Henry Ford, Thomas Jefferson, Charles Lindbergh, and Eddie Rickenbacker. In 1947, the Canadian government passed the National Wildlife Week Act to honour Jack Miner's contribution to Canadian Wildlife conservation. Each year the week of his birthday (April 10) has been designated National Wildlife Week across Canada and this year is the 70th Anniversary. It was the hope of the creators of the National Wildlife Week Act that people from across North America would visit the Jack Miner Migratory Bird Sanctuary on Jack's birthday to celebrate his life and work in wildlife conservation.

The Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation was incorporated a registered not-for-profit charitable organization in 1931 in the United States of America and in 1936 in Canada. Today, the Foundation continues the good work started by Jack Miner by offering a safe haven for migratory waterfowl.

Proclamation #1 Jack Miner Day, April 10, 2017

Proclamation

Whereas: Jack Miner was born on April 10, 1865 in Dover Centre, Ohio, (now Westlake); and

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Whereas: at the age of 13 he moved with his family to Kingsville, Ontario, Canada where he became a professional trapper and market hunter to help supplement the family income and later established a brick and tile manufacturing business; and

Whereas: in 1904 he founded the Jack Miner Migratory Bird Sanctuary for the conservation of migratory waterfowl; and

Whereas: in 1909 he began the practice of tagging wild ducks as they passed through his Sanctuary to better understand their migratory routes; and

Whereas: in 1915 he began the practice of tagging Canada geese and other geese as they passed through his Sanctuary to better understand their migratory routes; and

Whereas: the information collected led to the establishment of the Migratory Bird Act between the United States of America and Canada in 1916 and the Migratory Bird Convention Act in 1917, 100 years ago; and

Whereas: seventy years ago the Canadian Government established National Wildlife Week to take place across Canada each year during the week of Jack Miner's birthday, April 10th, as a lasting tribute to his contribution to Canadian wildlife conservation.

Now, Therefore, I, xxxxxxxxxxxxxx do hereby proclaim Monday, April 10th, 2017 as

Jack Miner Day in the Town of Kingsville

Proclamation #2 National Wildlife Week, April 9-15, 2017:

Whereas: A deserved and enduring tribute was paid to the world's greatest naturalist and founder of the Jack Miner Migratory Bird Sanctuary in Kingsville, Ontario, which bears his name, when the Canadian Parliament passed an Act fixing the week of his birthday, April 10th as National Wildlife Week and;

Whereas: Countless thousands of people have been privileged to visit the Sanctuary and continue to enjoy this unique spot year after year; and

Whereas: At the time of his death in 1944, Jack Miner was referred to as one of the 5 best known men in North America alongside Henry Ford, Thomas Jefferson, Charles Lindbergh, and Eddie Rickenbacker; and

Whereas: The Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation was founded in 1931 in the United States and 1936 in Canada to continue the Legacy of Jack Miner and continues to bring environmental and wildlife conservation issues to a new generation; and

Whereas: Across Canada celebrations of the 70th Anniversary of National Wildlife Week are taking place.

Now, Therefore, I, xxxxxxxxxxxxxx do hereby declare the week of April 9, 2017 as

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National Wildlife Week in the Town of Kingsville

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Sanctuary.

Best Regards,



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70th ANNIVERSARY



Canada
NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

Est. 1947

Week of Jack Miner's Birthday, April 10, 1865

Jack Miner HOGS 'N' HORNS Birthday Bash

FEATURING:



APRIL 8, 2017
DINNER 5-7 PM

TICKETS \$30 EACH
OR \$55/COUPLE
OR \$225/RESERVED
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CASH BAR: BEER & WINE

*Tickets available at Jack Miner Sanctuary.
Price includes Entertainment,
Dancing, Wild Game and
Colasanti's Famous Broasted Chicken.*

Join us April 8-9, 2017

Kids' Activities
Lunch by 2nd Kingsville Scouts
Rusty Barton with Chainsaw Expressions
Kingsport Raptor demonstration
Sportsmen's Yard Sale - Contact Larry Wood at 519-796-3014
Essex Hunting Retriever Club demonstration
Sunday Pancake Breakfast April 9, 7:30-11:00am
Master Duck, Master Goose, & Team Calling Contests

Admission
FREE
Donations Always
APPRECIATED



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332/360 Road 3 West, Kingsville
For more information and tickets
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