



PROCLAMATION

The Woodlands, Texas

BE IT PROCLAIMED:

Whereas, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

Whereas, twenty years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico. In the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip. The North American monarch population has declined by more than 90 percent in the past two decades; monarch scientists attribute the decline in part to loss of summer breeding habitat in the U.S.; and

Whereas, local governments can play a critical role in helping to save the monarch butterfly by providing habitat at public parks, median strips, community gardens, office buildings, recreation centers, and libraries. Schools, homes and businesses can all provide essential habitat for monarchs, too; and

Whereas, simple changes in landscaping practices can make a big difference for the monarch; and

Whereas, educating citizens about how and where to grow milkweed is a key piece of the puzzle; and

Whereas, creating habitat and educating citizens will benefit other pollinators that need healthy habitat as well; and

Whereas, The Woodlands, since its inception, has been involved in the effort of maintaining and preserving the natural environment;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by The Woodlands Township, we hereby pledge to help restore habitat for the monarch and encourage our citizens to do the same so that these magnificent butterflies will once again flourish across our state and the continent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused this Seal of The Woodlands Township to be affixed hereto this 25th day of April in the year Two Thousand Eighteen.

Gordy Bunch, Chairman of the Board, The Woodlands Township
The Woodlands, Texas