



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. By the winter of 2019-2020, the population had decreased 80%; monarch scientists attribute the decline to habitat loss, disease, and pesticides; and

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

Whereas, simple changes in landscaping practices, including planting native milkweed and reducing pesticide use, can make a significant difference for the monarch; and

Whereas, creating healthy habitat and educating citizens will benefit other pollinators that need our support; and

Whereas, The Woodlands, since its inception, has been committed to preserving the natural environment; and

Whereas, be it resolved by The Woodlands Township, that 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;

Now, therefore, I, Gordy Bunch, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April, 28, 2021 as:

Monarch Butterfly Day

In The Woodlands, Texas

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused this Seal of The Woodlands Township to be affixed hereto this 28th day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Gordy Bunch, Chairman of the Board, The Woodlands Township
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