

**A PROCLAMATION**  
**By the Mayor of the City of Dalworthington Gardens**

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration from Mexico to Canada and back again and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, climatic variations in breeding areas in Canada and the United States result in reduced milkweed abundance due to high temperatures and drought, alongside land-use changes and herbicide use impacting essential nectar plants for adult monarchs.; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2024, after thorough assessments, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced its proposal to list the North American monarch butterfly as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).; and

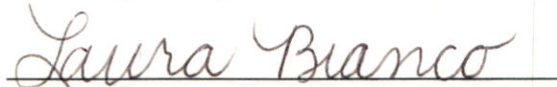
**WHEREAS**, every citizen of Dalworthington Gardens can aid the monarchs' recovery by planting native, drought tolerant, nectar producing native plants; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the people of Dalworthington Gardens, I am honored as Mayor to lead the way by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and I encourage other city officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

**THEREFORE**, as Mayor, I encourage our citizens and staff to participate in the following action items:

- 1) Issue this Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
- 2) Maintain a public communication effort to encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.
- 3) Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation.
- 4) Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- 5) Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- 6) Maintain and improve the monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden in Gardens Park by the gazebo.
- 7) Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- 8) Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas, to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Five.



Laura Bianco

Mayor, City of Dalworthington Gardens

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Secretary, City of Dalworthington Gardens

