

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

**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**, in the mid-1990's more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, however only approximately ninety three million began the Northern migration in the spring of 2018, about a 90% decline;

**WHEREAS**, monarch scientists attribute the decline to degradation and loss of summer breeding habitat in the U.S. and loss of winter habitat in Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly; and

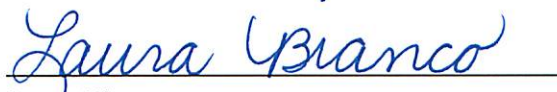
**WHEREAS**, every citizen of Dalworthington Gardens can make a difference for the monarch by planting nectar plants and native milkweed to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn and play; and

**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 a 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 residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.
- 3) Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 4) Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation.
- 5) Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- 6) Maintain and improve the monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden in Gardens Park by the gazebo.
- 7) Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- 8) Add and maintain native milkweed and nectar producing plants in community gardens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas, to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-One.



Laura Bianco

Mayor, City of Dalworthington Gardens

**ATTEST:**



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City Secretary, City of Dalworthington Gardens