

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 public works and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed/native nectar plant planting programs.
- 4) Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation.
- 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) Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- 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 17th day of February, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



Laura Bianco
Mayor, City of Dalworthington Gardens

ATTEST:



Lola Hazel
City Secretary, City of Dalworthington Gardens