

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 native milkweed and nectar plants 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) Launch a public communication effort to encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.
- 3) Communicate with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 4) Convene city, park and public works department staff and identify opportunities for revised mowing programs and milkweed / native plant planting programs.
- 5) Convene a meeting with gardening leaders in the community to discuss partnerships to support monarch butterfly conservation.
- 6) Launch a program to plant native milkweeds and nectar plants in school gardens by engaging students, teachers and the community.
- 7) Initiate or support citizen-science efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- 8) Add 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 17th day of January, in the year Two Thousand Nineteen.



Laura Bianco
Mayor, City of Dalworthington Gardens

ATTEST:



Lola Hazel
City Secretary, City of Dalworthington Gardens

