

# PROCLAMATION

## "Monarch Butterfly Day"

May 18, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly is an iconic Northern 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, in the winter of 2014 only 60 million made the trip; and

**WHEREAS**, the North American monarch population has declined by more than 90 percent in the past two decades. Monarch scientists attribute the decline to degradation and loss of summer breeding habitat in the U. S., and loss of winter habitat in Mexico. Western populations of monarch butterflies that overwinter in California are also in decline; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Garden Club of Mount Prospect and the Village Public Works Department have partnered to implement programs and strategies to encourage monarch butterfly habitat in Mount Prospect and will be sponsoring a monarch and milkweed information table at the annual Public Works Open House on May 18; and

**WHEREAS**, every citizen of the Village of Mount Prospect 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, play and worship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Mount Prospect is actively participating in, and promoting the establishment of Monarch Waystations, and encourages all residents of the community to do so, and the Village recognizes the Mount Prospect Monarchs Facebook group, a 2019 Shining Star recipient, for their educational and outreach efforts on Monarch butterflies; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the residents of Mount Prospect who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to support and be a part of the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Arlene A. Juracek, Mayor of the Village of Mount Prospect, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2019 as

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In the Village of Mount Prospect and I hereby pledge to commit to help restore habitat for the monarch and encourage our residents to do the same, so that these magnificent butterflies will once again flourish across the continent.

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Arlene A. Juracek  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen M. Agoranos  
Village Clerk  
Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019