



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, the monarch butterfly population has declined at an unprecedented rate in the last thirty years; and

WHEREAS, habitat loss, pesticide use, and a changing climate are all contributing factors that impact monarch butterfly populations; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties throughout the country can provide habitat and a critical food source such as milkweed at public parks, community gardens, median strips, and municipal buildings to take action to help save the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sun Prairie recognizes that human health and sustainability depend on healthy and balanced ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, to help save the monarch butterfly, the City of Sun Prairie is continuing its participation in the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and encourages residents to learn about the conservation of monarch butterflies; and

WHEREAS, the city encourages residents to take actionable steps to support the monarch butterfly, and all pollinators, by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to increase the amount of pollinator-friendly habitat within the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul Esser, Mayor of the City of Sun Prairie, do hereby affirm its commitment to the Mayors' Monarch Pledge to help restore the habitat for the monarch butterfly and all pollinators and encourage residents to do the same.

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
set my hand and caused the seal
of the City of Sun Prairie to be affixed on
this the 3rd day of May, 2022.*

Paul Esser, Mayor