



VILLAGE OF
PALOS PARK

Proclamation

Proclaiming 'Monarch Conservation' in the Village of Palos Park

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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, both the western and eastern monarch populations have seen significant declines with less than one percent of the western monarch population remaining, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Palos Park recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife ; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and The Village of Palos Park is striving to become a leader; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2023 I John F. Mahoney, signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and have officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Palos Park has committed to issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat; host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway, or swap; launch or maintain a public communications effort to encourage residents to plant Monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, every resident of the Village of Palos Park 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 Palos Park has committed to sharing information with residents in a variety of ways to encourage Monarch Conservation; and

THEREFORE, I, John F. Mahoney, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Palos Park, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2023 as Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day in the Village of Palos Park and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023.


John F. Mahoney, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marie Arrigoni, Village Clerk