

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER AS
“MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH”
IN THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, monarch butterflies are probably the best-known butterflies in North America. Monarch butterflies are found throughout the U.S. (including Hawaii, but not Alaska), southern Canada, southern Portugal and Spain, Caribbean Islands, Australia, New Zealand, and other Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the large and brilliantly colored monarch butterfly is among the most easily recognizable of the butterfly species that call North America home. Their wings are a striking deep orange with black borders and veins, and white spots along the edges; and

WHEREAS, twenty years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million monarchs made the trip; and

WHEREAS, the monarch population has declined by more than 95% since the 1980s. Habitat loss and fragmentation, extreme weather events, invasive species, and pesticide/herbicide use have contributed to the decline of monarch butterflies and other pollinators in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly has been listed as Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), a global authority on the conservation status of species. An endangered listing means the species is likely to go extinct without significant intervention; and

WHEREAS, simply changes in landscaping practices can make a big difference for the monarchs. By incorporating specific garden elements

like native milkweed (for breeding) and other native wildflowers (for feeding), the Village and every resident of Ardsley can create habitats to help save the monarchs; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ardsley can play a critical role in helping to save the monarch butterfly by providing habitats in public parks, community gardens, office buildings, recreation centers and libraries. Schools, homes, and businesses can all provide essential habitat for monarch too; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Ardsley will pledge to help restore habitat for the monarch and will support the use of native plants in Village property that support Monarchs, pollinators, and native wildlife, where possible, and ensure the Village will make efforts to educate residents and local businesses on the importance of preserving healthy native plant habitats for the conservation of our local ecosystems: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED I, Nancy Kaboolian, Mayor of Ardsley, do hereby proclaim November 2024, “MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH” in the Village of Ardsley.