



BUFFALO GROVE

PROCLAMATION

MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE DAY

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 Buffalo Grove 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 Buffalo Grove is striving to become a leader; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2024, I Eric Smith, 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 Buffalo Grove has committed to working with volunteers from Save the Monarchs in Buffalo Grove, the Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team and other partners to build an annual plan to protect these important pollinators in our community; and

WHEREAS, Every resident of Buffalo Grove 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

NOW THEREFORE, I Eric Smith, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2024 as **Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day** in Buffalo Grove and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation.

Eric N. Smith
Village President