



## PROCLAMATION

The Woodlands, Texas

### BE IT PROCLAIMED:

Whereas, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

Whereas, historically, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated through Texas; however, due to habitat loss, disease, and pesticides, the population has dwindled by over 95 percent; and

Whereas, local governments can play a critical role in helping to save the monarch butterfly by providing habitat in public spaces; schools, churches, businesses, and homes, can provide essential habitat for monarchs, too; and

Whereas, every resident of The Woodlands Township can make a significant difference for the Monarch by implementing simple changes in landscaping practices, including planting native milkweed, and native nectar plants and reducing pesticide use; and

Whereas, creating a healthy habitat and educating citizens benefits other pollinators that need support; and

Whereas, The Woodlands, since its inception, has been committed to preserving the natural environment; and

Whereas, The Woodlands Township hereby pledges to help restore habitat for the monarch and encourage our citizens to do the same so that these magnificent butterflies will once again flourish across our state and the continent;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Ann K. Snyder, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 4, 2024, as:

### ***Monarch Butterfly Day***

In The Woodlands, Texas

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused this Seal of The Woodlands Township to be affixed hereto this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Dr. Ann K. Snyder, Chairman of the Board, The Woodlands Township  
The Woodlands, Texas

