

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Monarch butterfly is one of the most recognizable and beloved butterflies in North America, known for its remarkable annual migration spanning thousands of miles between Canada, the United States and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Monarch butterfly serves as an important pollinator and plays a vital role in maintaining the health and biodiversity of ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Monarch butterfly populations have been in significant decline over the last 30 years due to habitat loss, pesticide use and climate change, placing their migration at risk and raising concern for their survival; and

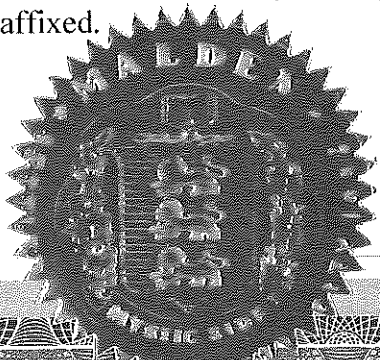
WHEREAS, local communities, schools, organizations and individuals are stepping forward to plant milkweed, create pollinator gardens and educate the public about the importance of conserving Monarch habitats; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that we have an obligation and ability to make a positive difference and act as guardians and protectors of our environment and the pollinators and wildlife that share it with us; and

WHEREAS, Monarch Butterfly Day is an opportunity to raise awareness, celebrate conservation efforts, and inspire collective action to protect these iconic butterflies and the natural world they represent.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Gary Christenson, Mayor of Malden, Massachusetts do hereby proclaim **May 4, 2025** as **Monarch Butterfly Day** and encourage all residents to learn about the Monarch butterfly, participate in conservation initiatives and take steps to support pollinator friendly environments in our community.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Malden this 4th day of May in the year two thousand twenty-five to be affixed.




GARY CHRISTENSON, Mayor