Proclamation

CITY OF SHAVANO PARK

WHEREAS, the majestic orange-and-black Monarch Butterfly, is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migrations and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly annual capture the imagination of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Monarch Butterfly population has declined by more than 90 percent in the past two decades, from nearly 1 billion during their migration from Canada and the United States to Mexico in 1996, to only 60 million during the winter of 2014; and

WHEREAS, local governments can play a critical role in helping to save the Monarch Butterfly by providing habitat at public parks, median strips, community gardens, office buildings, recreation centers and libraries by promoting limited use of pesticides and planting and the Milkweed plant (the only host plant for Monarch Caterpillars); and

WHEREAS, simple changes in landscaping practices can make a big difference for the Monarch Butterfly: and educating citizens about how and where to grow milkweed is a key piece of the puzzle;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert Werner, Mayor of the City of Shavano Park, hereby pledge to help restore habitats for the Monarch Butterfly and encourage our citizens to do the same so that these magnificent butterflies will once again flourish across our state and proclaim January 2025 as

"Monarch Butterfly Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Shavano Park to be affixed on this 27th day of January 2025.

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Robert Werner, Mayor