

MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROCLAMATION
APRIL 13, 2021

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, the monarch pollinates flowers and crops, and serves as an indicator species for the ecological health of large geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of monarch butterflies have decreased substantially over the last 30 years down from 1.2 million to a low of less than 30,000 and scientists attribute the decline, in part, to loss of summer habitat in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax is situated in one of the major migratory paths for the monarch butterfly and is a vital breeding ground for the species;

WHEREAS, cities and their residents have a critical roll to play to help save the monarch butterfly and its habitat by planting native pollinator habitat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax has signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax has a monarch butterfly garden behind the Fairfax Public Library to supply habitat that will promote more monarch butterflies and other pollinators; and


WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax has committed to launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax encourages our residents to help promote pollinators' habitat for the good of the monarch butterfly and our planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Burnell G. Frieden, Mayor of the City of Fairfax, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2021, as

MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE DAY
IN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX, IOWA

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Fairfax, Iowa this 13th day of April, 2021.


Burnell G. Frieden