



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### MAYORS 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, City of Milton 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 City of Milton is striving to become a leader; and

WHEREAS, On April 15, 2025 I, Mayor Eric Stockman, 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 City of Milton has committed to issuing a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat, facilitate an annual milkweed seed collection and propagation effort, and updated our weed ordinance to allow for native prairie and a plant habitat.

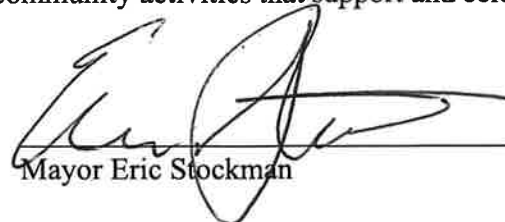
WHEREAS, Every resident of City of Milton can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, and play;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Stockman, Mayor of the City of Milton, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2025 as

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in the City of Milton and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025

  
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Mayor Eric Stockman

Attest:  
  
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Jenny Salvo, City Clerk