

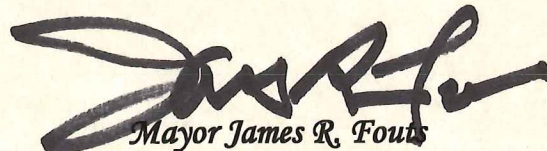
# Proclamation

In recognition of

## Mayor's Monarch Pledge

- Whereas,* the City of Warren, Michigan recognizes the monarch butterfly as an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and
- Whereas,* 25 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip; and
- Whereas,* cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the Mayor of the City of Warren took the initiative in 2008 by creating a Butterfly Garden and Waystation; and
- Whereas,* in 2021, the Mayor of Warren, Michigan announced he wanted Warren to become the Butterfly Capital of the World through the creation of more butterfly habitats & gardens throughout the city, utilizing public buildings and land; and
- Whereas,* every citizen of Warren 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, learn, play and worship; and
- Whereas,* on behalf of the people of Warren, Michigan, who have already joined me in creating a healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to sign the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and I encourage other city officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, James R. Fouts, Mayor of the City of Warren, Michigan, do hereby proclaim 2021 as Mayors' Monarch Pledge and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support the monarch butterfly throughout the year.*



Mayor James R. Fouts  
City of Warren, Michigan