

# Proclamation

*Whereas, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multi-generational 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 in 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, Carbondale recognizes that human health depends on the health of bio-diverse ecosystems that can better support the security and resiliency of food systems, healthy soil and air quality; and*

*Whereas, cities, towns, and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, of which the City of Carbondale strives to become a leader; and*

*Whereas, with the most recent placement of the monarch butterfly on the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Red List, the City Council is choosing to renew its commitment to pollinator-supportive practices; and*

*Whereas, on this day, I, Mayor Pro Tempore Carolin Harvey, hereby sign the national Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and officially commit the city of Carbondale, Illinois to taking meaningful actions to protect the pollinators of Southern Illinois.*

*Now, therefore, I, Carolin Harvey, Mayor Pro Tempore, of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2023 as,*

## **Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day**

*In the city of Carbondale, Illinois, and encourage all citizens to take meaningful action to protect all pollinators, including the monarch butterfly.*

*Ordered this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.*

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*Carolin Harvey, Mayor Pro Tempore*

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*Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk*