

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-_____

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE

WHEREAS, the City of Carbondale is a home rule unit of local government under the Illinois Constitution, 1970, Article VII, Section 6; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a), of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, the City of Carbondale may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; and

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, the City of Carbondale, Illinois community recognizes that human health depends on the health of biodiverse 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, Illinois 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 of Carbondale is choosing to renew its commitment to assuring that pollinator-supportive landscaping and practices are prioritized in all current and future developments; and

WHEREAS, this commitment will advance implementation of the actions set forth in the Natural Solutions section of the City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission's Sustainability Action Plan, approved by the City Council in April 2022; and

WHEREAS, that on behalf of the City of Carbondale, on this day, Mayor Pro Tempore Carolin Harvey signed the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge and declared March 28, 2023 as Mayors’ Monarch Pledge Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That with this resolution, the City of Carbondale, Illinois commits to taking meaningful actions to protect the pollinators of Southern Illinois.

Section 2. That with this resolution, the City of Carbondale, Illinois commits to raising awareness about the decline of pollinators, including the monarch butterfly and species’ need for habitat.

Section 3. That with this resolution, the City of Carbondale, Illinois commits to conducting review and revision of city code to encourage pollinator-supportive landscape on public and private land within City of Carbondale city limits.

Section 4. That with this resolution, the City of Carbondale, Illinois commits to evaluating and correcting operations and landscape maintenance practices that could have unintended and detrimental effects on pollinator species.

Section 5. That with this resolution, the City of Carbondale, Illinois commits to creating a community-driven “pollinator yards” pilot program to educate and support community members interested in learning how to plant pollinator-supportive landscape in their own yards.

Section 6. That this Resolution be spread at length upon the minute records of the City Council of the City of Carbondale.

That this Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, on the 28th day of March, 2023.

APPROVED: _____

Carolin Harvey, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST: _____

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk