City of Albany

Albany, TX

Mayor of Albany, Texas Susan Montgomery

Pledge Summary

Albany, Texas is a small rural town in west Texas that strives to engage in the beautiful habitat that surrounds the town. Albany is surrounded by local ranches and a vast west Texas sky that frames the small town. The citizens of Albany pledge to the monarch conservation and being a part of the pollination.

Action Items Committed for 2021

Communications and Convening

- Issue a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat. This proclamation must incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor of Albany, Texas Susan Montgomery	2021	1/16/2021	Signatories

Action Items

In total, how many individuals have been reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan-Dec)? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

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Of the total number of individuals engaged, how many youth (0-18) were reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan. - Dec.)? If none, please write 0." (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.)

75 youth 200 adults

In total, how many acres of monarch habitat have been created in your city in the last 12 months? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 3). Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Where was the habitat created this year? Example locations may include residences, schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, shared public spaces, and more.

yards, gardens, city parks, containers, ranches

How are you leveraging the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program to engage marginalized communities, such as low-income communities or communities of color?

All the programs and pledge has been to include everyone in Albany. All have been reached out to equally.

What was your community's motivation for taking and continuing to work on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge?

The Monarch is so beautiful and the city of Albany has the immigration come through in late September and early October each year. As a community we want to do our part to help save the butterfly.

What resources have been most helpful to you thus far and what new resources would you like to see to help meet your goals? What resources would be useful to help expand equitable engagement in community processes and access to high-quality, usable nature?

Community involvement and the excitement that has been created to bring awareness to the community.

What else should we know about your monarch butterfly conservation efforts over the last year?

The individuals that have planted milkweed plants on their ranches and in their private yards have been so encouraging.

Selected Action Items

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Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

Milkweed Seed bombs were made and given away at the Monarch Family Event on March 24.

How many people attended your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

75

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?

Old Jail Art Center, First National Bank of Albany/Breckenridge and the City of Albany

Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

The City has engaged with the community garden which is located in downtown Albany. A milkweed plant is going to be planted during the Monarch Awareness Week. A plant was planted in the City Garden area.

Issue a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat. This proclamation must incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.

Date of Proclamation:

March 22, 2021

Title of Proclamation (i.e. – Monarch Day or Pollinator Week):

Monarch Week (March 22-27) in Albany, Texas

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Proclamation.docx

Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?

Old Jail Art Center, First National Bank of Albany

How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 50).

70

Please describe the community art project that was implemented in your community and how it contributed to cultural awareness and recognition (e.g., number of art installations, type of art).

March 22-27 Art@Home Activity Trunk - Monarch theme craft kit for ages 4-12, Monday-Saturday Make 'n Take art craft Community art mural Monarch Family Event March 24, Bank Park. Many art activities for children to participate in during the afternoon.

Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

Upload any relevant documents, images, or other attachments related to your effort on this action.

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How many estimated individuals attended the event? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field ((Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only), e.g. 500)

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What was the date of your festival?

A family festival event was held on Wednesday, March 24 from 4-7pm.

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

Old Jail Art Center, First National Bank of Albany/Breckenridge and the City of Albany

Please describe the details of your monarch butterfly festival and how you ensured the event was accessible by all residents in the community (e.g., events, length, notable successes, outreach, location).

The event was held on March 24, Wednesday from 4pm - 7 pm. It was held in the Bank Park on Main Street. Different booths were set up with different activities to bring awareness to the monarch and the protection needed to save the monarch butterfly.

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