

Vienna



Virginia

Proclamation

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, 20 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, Monarch butterflies and other pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse urban and suburban ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vienna has managed urban landscapes and public lands, as well as wildlife habitats with native plantings including milkweed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vienna mindfully removes invasive plants and encourages other to do so to make it possible to re-establish native plants, including milkweed and nectar plants to the landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vienna provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats in urban and suburban environments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vienna is joining other municipalities in participating in the National Wildlife Federation's Monarch Pledge to create habitat and educate citizens about how they can support monarchs and other pollinators at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. DiRocco, Mayor of the Town of Vienna, Virginia and on behalf of the Vienna Town Council do hereby proclaim March 11, 2019 as

MONARCH PLEDGE DAY

in the Town of Vienna to demonstrate Vienna's continuing commitment to Monarch butterflies and other pollinator species.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Town of Vienna, Virginia, to be affixed hereto this 11th day of March, two thousand nineteen.

Laurie A. DiRocco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie J. Clark, CMC
Town Clerk