



Proclamation



MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE DAY

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 Town of Carrboro recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems, and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality, and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns, and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the Town of Carrboro want to participate in this effort; and

WHEREAS, as mayor, I signed the 2021 National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, and our town has officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, residents of Carrboro can aid in this effort by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for monarchs and other pollinators in suitable locations; and

WHEREAS, efforts that the Town of Carrboro has taken or will pursue toward this goal include launching a public communication effort, hosting a native seed giveaway and neighborhood challenge, expanding the Town invasive species program, displaying educational signage, planting native milkweed on Town properties, updating the Town Code to allow for native plant habitat, adopting ordinances that support reducing light pollution, and exploring changing ordinances related to pesticide and herbicide use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2021 as Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day in the town of Carrboro. I encourage all residents to learn about and celebrate monarch conservation.

This the 14th day of September 2021.



Lydia E Lavelle