

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
PROCLAMATION
MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE**

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 College Park 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 College Park is striving to become a leader; and

WHEREAS, College Park has committed to becoming a Bee City USA affiliate, collected and packaged native milkweed seeds for a seed giveaway, and installed a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden in a busy residential median intersection; and

WHEREAS, every resident of College Park can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play, and worship; and

WHEREAS, College Park has committed to incorporate more beneficial monarch and pollinator-friendly plant species into future gardens to create habitat for these useful insects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that September 19, 2023 is recognized as **Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day** in College Park and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation.

PROCLAIMED this 19th day of September, 2023.

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park