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- 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 last 2 decades the numbers have declined by 90%; and
- WHEREAS, monarch caterpillars need milkweed to grow into butterflies, and they feed on over 100 species of milkweed native to North America; and
- WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the City of Arlington has played a leadership role by establishing monarch butterfly weight stations throughout the City and reestablishing native plant areas to incorporate Milkweed; and
- WHEREAS, every citizen of Arlington can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Ross, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2021 as Monarch and all Pollinators day.

## MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.



