

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING THE MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE FOR THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

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 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 Hyattsville is taking a leadership role by establishing monarch waystations throughout the City and reestablishing native plant areas to incorporate milkweed; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Hyattsville can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarchs and pollinators.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, do hereby take the Mayor's Monarch Pledge to assist in the support and development of the Monarch Butterfly.

Kevin Ward

Interim Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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