

Town of Apex, North Carolina

Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

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, in 2010 monarchs over-wintering in Mexico occupied 14.94 acres of forest, up from 6.12 acres in 2018. There is still work to be done as in comparison in 1996 when 45 acres were covered with over-wintering monarch; and

WHEREAS, Apex is uniquely situated right in the middle of one of the few migratory paths, both North and South, for the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns, and counties have a central role to raise awareness in the effort to help save the monarch butterfly and the Town of Apex has played a leadership role becoming a BEE CITY USA with efforts to protect pollinators and habitats which include monarch protection; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Apex can contribute in making a significant difference by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and all pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play, and worship; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Apex who already are fostering awareness in the effort to create healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to be the first Mayor to lead the way by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, and I encourage other city officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2020 as Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day in the Town of Apex, North Carolina.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina
to be affixed this the 6th day of October 2020

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor