

Proclamation



WHEREAS, during the spring, Monarch butterflies can travel over 2,500 miles from their overwintering site in Mexico to summer breeding grounds from the northern United States into southern Canada; and

WHEREAS, in late summer, Monarchs born up north return to Mexico, to the same mountainous region and same trees where their ancestors congregated the winter before; and

WHEREAS, Central Texas is part of the “funnel” that Monarchs pass through during both trips; and

WHEREAS, in the spring, Monarchs from Mexico look for milkweeds to lay eggs on, creating the next generation that will travel north; and

WHEREAS, in the fall, Monarchs look for flower nectar to refuel on their way to Mexico; and

WHEREAS, due to the use of herbicides and pesticides, habitat conversion, and adverse land management, Monarch populations have declined about 80% in recent decades; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bastrop is within this funnel, perfectly located to assist this annual Monarch migration and to help reverse this trend;

WHEREAS, through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, U.S. cities, municipalities, and other communities are committing to creating habitats for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, and to educating residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Kirkland, Acting Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Bastrop, Texas, do hereby pledge to join the National Wildlife Foundation Mayors’ Monarch Pledge, striving to make Bastrop a destination for Monarchs and other pollinators.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Bastrop, Texas to be affixed this 25th day of March 2025.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS

John Kirkland, Acting Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary

