

Proclamation

- 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,** Monarch butterflies, as well as other butterfly species, bees, birds and bats, help move pollen from one plant to another, fertilizing flowers and making it possible for plants to produce food needed to feed people and wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** 20 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but over the last decade their numbers have declined by 80%; and
- WHEREAS,** An important part of the mission of the Garden Club of Green Cove Springs is to further educate their members and the public about environmental awareness and to teach our youth to respect and protect the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** Cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Green Cove Springs in conjunction with the Garden Club of Green Cove Springs is playing a leadership role to bring together stakeholders in the community to work together to restore habitat for monarchs; and
- WHEREAS,** Every citizen of Green Cove Springs 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.*** The City Council hereby proclaims Green Cove Springs as a Monarch City USA, and urge all residents of Green Cove Springs to do their part by planting and protecting native milkweed and nectar sources, so that monarch butterflies have the resources necessary to produce successive generations and sustain their spectacular migration through our City and our State.
- Section 2.*** A true copy of this Proclamation shall be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH 2021.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

B. Van Royal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

