

Mayors Monarch Pledge

National Wildlife Federation

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, the City of Hendersonville is deeply concerned about the decline of the Monarch butterfly population due to the eastern population having fallen by as much as ninety percent; and

WHEREAS, Monarch scientists attribute the population decline to degradation and loss of summer breeding habitat in the U.S., and loss of winter habitat in south-central Mexico and coastal California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville and surrounding communities have a critical role to play to help save the Monarch butterfly through public and private action and by educating residents about the cultural significance of Monarchs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville recognizes the importance of creating Monarch and pollinator habitat at parks, gardens and other green spaces, that every member of our community can equally enjoy, and that our work to help save the Monarch butterfly intentionally engages all parts of our community, ensuring that historically marginalized communities are not left out of the work or the many benefits this work will create; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville is aware that when local governments speak up and take action, our communities notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby commit to help restore habitat for the Monarch butterfly within the City of Hendersonville and encourage our residents to do the same, so that these magnificent butterflies will once again flourish across the continent.

PLEDGED this 7th day of April 2022

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Angela Reece, City Clerk