

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026, AS MONARCHS IN THE PARK DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN, AND CELEBRATING THE PATHWAYS FOR POLLINATORS AND PEOPLE PARTNERSHIP, THE ACCOMPANYING CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM, AND THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, DEDICATION OF THE NEW CITY HALL POLLINATOR GARDENS AND MURAL.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman recognizes the profound environmental, educational, and cultural value of the annual migration of the monarch butterfly, an amazing journey that relies deeply on local habitats; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Ruby Grant Park serves as an essential stopover habitat for monarch butterflies as they travel between Canada and Mexico, underscoring our community's role in vital pollinator conservation efforts; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the City of Norman has proudly partnered with the Oklahoma Monarch Society in the Pathways for Pollinators & People initiative, securing generous funding from the Kirkpatrick Foundation and the Oklahoma Monarch Society to establish high-quality local pollinator gardens; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, this collaborative milestone will be celebrated on Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with an official ribbon cutting and dedication of the new City Hall Pollinator Gardens, featuring a stunning mural designed by Oklahoma artist Rick Sinnett; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the 6th Annual Monarchs in the Park Festival on September 27, 2026, brings residents together at Ruby Grant Park through native plant sales, the inaugural Monarch Migration 5K and Caterpillar Crawl Fun Run, and the Trash-to-Treasure Art Show and Contest to foster community pride and ecological stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 27, 2026, as Monarchs in the Park Day; and
- § 7. Do further encourage all residents to attend the City Hall garden dedication on September 24th, join the festivities at Ruby Grant Park on September 27th, and partner with us in protecting our vital pollinator friends.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of September 2025.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

