



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, young and old; and
- WHEREAS,** the monarch is also extremely beneficial, pollinating many cultivated flowers and crops, and serves as an indicator species for the ecological health of large geographical areas; and
- WHEREAS,** scientists estimate the monarch population to have declined about 80 percent over the past 20 years; and
- WHEREAS,** cities and communities have a critical role to play in helping to save the monarch butterfly, and the Town of Munster has an interest in becoming Indiana's second Monarch City as designated by Monarch City USA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the monarch butterfly recover city by city; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Munster has established or is in the process of establishing habitat areas at Bieker Woods, Centennial Park, 45th& Columbia, including a designated Monarch Way Station at Munster History Museum and Bieker Woods; and
- WHEREAS,** the Munster Civic Foundation is working with groups and organizations throughout Munster to create a fun, interactive year long series of events and information to create a better understanding of the important role of native and sustainable habitats, including a spring community clean up and Fall Special Event at Heritage Park
- WHEREAS,** every citizen of Munster 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF MUNSTER, does hereby proclaim that that the Town of Munster does hereby proclaim that Munster is committed to supporting the monarch butterfly species in our community and beyond.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Chuck Gardiner President

Lee Ann Mellon Vice President

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Attest:

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