

PROCLAMATION

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly is an iconic American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, 20 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly and the Village of Oak Park can play a leadership role by planting native plants and milkweed that support this spectacular iconic migration; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Oak Park 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

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Oak Park who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to sign the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge; and I encourage other local government officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim this day as MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE DAY in the Village of Oak Park.

DATED this 21st day of February, 2017.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST:

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk