



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

## **MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE PROCLAMATION - 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly is an iconic symbol in North America and around the world. Their beauty and familiarity help connect humans to the natural world. Their migration journey astounds us with its complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, the monarch's population is in decline due to environmental pressures, especially the removal of native milkweed, which monarch larva need in order to develop into full grown butterflies; and

**WHEREAS**, creating any size habitat planting, whether it is a backyard garden or a large prairie- using native milkweed and other nectar bearing pollinator plants gives monarchs a place to feed, reproduce and fuel up for their migration. This has a positive cascading effect on other wildlife such as songbirds and mammals as well as on the physical and mental health of humans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake Zurich has been a signatory to the National Wildlife Federations Mayors Monarch Pledge since 2015; and

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Tom Poynton, Mayor of the Village of Lake Zurich, declare Lake Zurich, Illinois a Monarch Butterfly Friendly Village. We encourage Village residents and staff to plant pollinator friendly plants including milkweed in their home gardens and on Village property and to support local conservation organizations in their efforts to save the monarch butterfly.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Poynton".

Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich

