

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; and

WHEREAS, 20 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but populations of this iconic species have declined by 90% in the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Deerfield has taken the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge to demonstrate the Village's commitment to creating a habitat and educating citizens about how they can make a difference at home; and

WHEREAS, every resident of Deerfield 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, HARRIET ROSENTHAL, Mayor of the Village of Deerfield, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2016, as: "**MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE DAY**" IN THE VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD and encourage residents and Village staff to take steps to increase the planting of milkweed and nectar plants to preserve and strengthen the monarch butterfly population.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of May, 2016.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriet E. Rosenthal".

Harriet E. Rosenthal, Mayor