

## 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, in the 1990's, hundreds of millions of Eastern Monarch Butterflies migrated to Mexico. Since then, the population has declined to approximately 100 million due to habitat destruction; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the City of Grapevine has played a leadership role by providing a habitat at public parks, median strips, community gardens and municipal buildings; and

WHEREAS, every resident of Grapevine 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 people of the City of Grapevine who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to join other Mayors by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Tate, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grapevine, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as

## MONARCH PLEDGE MONTH

in Grapevine, and I urge all residents to do their part to increase awareness of the plight of these amazing creatures in our community.



Mayor, City of Grapevine