

# 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 both the western and eastern monarch populations have seen significant declines with less than one percent of the western monarch population remaining, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent, and

*WHEREAS*, The City of Lewisville recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife , and

*WHEREAS*, Cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and The City of Lewisville is striving to become a leader, and on January 9, 2023, I TJ Gilmore, signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and have officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and

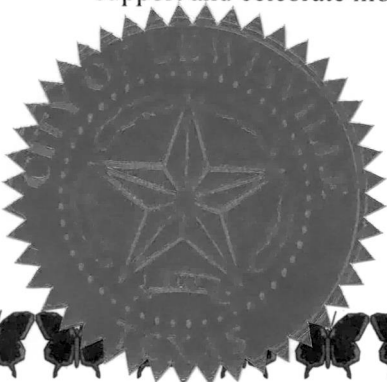
*WHEREAS*, The City of Lewisville has committed to engage with gardening leaders and partners to support monarch butterfly conservation, and to work with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs, and

*WHEREAS*, Every resident of The City of Lewisville 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 the City of Lewisville has adopted the Lewisville 2025 Plan which sets a clear shared vision for the kind of community Lewisville wants to be when it turns 100 years old and includes Big Moves for Extending The Green and Sustainability that each contain action steps focused on preserving green spaces and connecting people with nature; now

*THEREFORE*, I TJ Gilmore by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of The City of Lewisville, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2023, as

## *MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE DAY*

in The City of Lewisville and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation



TJ Gilmore, Mayor  
City of Lewisville

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*WHEREAS*, Almost 68,000 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas during 2022; and

*WHEREAS*, One in ten children will experience sexual abuse before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, 98% of child victims will know their alleged perpetrator, and only 10% of new arrests for sex crimes against children involve individuals with prior sex offense records, and

*WHEREAS*, 354 children living in the City of Lewisville received 3,851 services from the Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas in 2022, and

*WHEREAS*, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people, and

*WHEREAS*, Communities must make every effort to promote and support programs that benefit children and their families, and

*WHEREAS*, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, children's advocacy centers and other community-based nonprofit organizations; and


*WHEREAS*, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in safe, nurturing environments as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims,

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I TJ Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as.

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

and urge all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of our community when child abuse occurs in the months and years ahead



  
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TJ Gilmore, Mayor  
City of Lewisville