



# Proclamation

BY THE

## City Council of the City of Lewisville

*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 December 7, 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 May, 2024, as:

### MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE MONTH

In Lewisville, Texas, and urge all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation.

TJ Gilmore, Mayor

