

PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-P-0002

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST CHICAGO
DECLARING MARCH 31 AS “MAYORS’ MONARCH PLEDGE DAY”**

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, 25 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, in 2017, the West Chicago City Council adopted Resolution 2017-R-0016 to support the preservation of the Monarch butterfly and other pollinators in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Chicago has again taken the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayor’s Monarch Pledge to continue to demonstrate the City’s commitment to creating a habitat and educating citizens about how they can make a difference at home; and

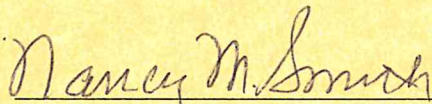
WHEREAS, every resident of West Chicago can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide food and habitat for the monarch and other pollinators in the locations where people live, work, learn, play, and worship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Ruben Pineda, Mayor of the City of West Chicago, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2021 as: **“MAYORS’ MONARCH PLEDGE DAY”** in the City of West Chicago and encourage residents and City staff to take steps to continue and increase the planting of milkweed and nectar plants to preserve and strengthen the monarch butterfly population.

PROCLAIMED this 15th day of March, 2021.



Ruben Pineda, Mayor


Nancy M. Smith, City Clerk