

# PROCLAMATION

## MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH, MAY 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park has made a commitment to preserving and enhancing the quality of the environment by appointing residents to serve on the Environment and Energy Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 2022, the Village of Oak Park declared a climate emergency and adopted the award-winning *Climate Ready Oak Park* community plan, thereby committing to protecting and enhancing biodiversity on thirty percent of community land by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park recognizes that priority communities, including communities of color, low-income communities, older adults, children, disabled individuals, and others, are disproportionately adversely impacted by climate change; and therefore, has committed to directing forty percent of the public climate and sustainability funds to local priority communities, and to partner with the most impacted community members to design climate and sustainability policies and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly is an iconic species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis on its annual cross-border journey serves as a powerful symbol of enduring dignity, resilience, and hope of migrants everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, the monarch's population has declined by 90 percent in recent years, an indicator of the current global biodiversity crisis which results from habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change, and presents a risk to future food security; and

**WHEREAS**, the monarch's annual migration route includes Oak Park, and it is within the ability and power of every community member to protect monarchs and other pollinators by planting native milkweed and nectar plants where we live, work, learn, play, and gather.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the Month of May as MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH and ask community members and local institutions and organizations to take

ambition action to address the challenges of climate change and loss of biodiversity, not only during this month but throughout the year.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of May, 2023.

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk