

# PROCLAMATION

## Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly is an iconic American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, 20 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip; and

**WHEREAS**, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly and the Village of Oak Park can play a leadership role by planting native plants and milkweed that support this spectacular iconic migration; and

**WHEREAS**, every citizen of Oak Park 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 citizens of Oak Park who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to sign the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge; and I encourage other local government officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim this day as MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE DAY in the Village of Oak Park.

**DATED** this 21st day of February, 2017.

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Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST:

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Teresa Powell, Village Clerk