

Village of Great Neck Plaza, Inc.

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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

WHEREAS, 20 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, municipalities have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the Village of Great Neck Plaza is taking a leadership role by launching a Monarch Butterfly Program; and

WHEREAS, a pilot pollinator garden at the Maple Drive Sustainable Parking Lot was planted in June 2018 and it features several kinds of milkweed and host plants for monarch butterflies; and

WHEREAS, every resident of Great Neck Plaza 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, the Village of Great Neck Plaza has taken the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge to demonstrate the Village's commitment to creating a habitat and educating people about how they can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, I encourage other village mayors, city and town officials to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jean A. Celender, Mayor of the Village of Great Neck Plaza, do hereby proclaim July 18, 2018, as: "**MAYORS' MILKWEED FOR MONARCHS DAY**" in the Village of Great Neck Plaza and encourage residents and Village staff to take steps to increase the planting of milkweed and nectar plants to preserve and strengthen the monarch butterfly population.

PROCLAIMED this 18th day of July, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jean A. Celender', written over a horizontal line.

Jean A. Celender, Mayor

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of Great Neck Plaza, NY this 18th day of July in 2018.