

# Proclamation

by the Mayor  
of the City of Urbana, Illinois

- WHEREAS,** monarch butterflies have been migrating for thousands of years from as far north as Canada to as far south as Mexico; and
- WHEREAS,** these distinctive butterflies fly through Illinois in perhaps the most spectacular migration in the insect world; and
- WHEREAS,** due to loss of habitat and use of pesticides, the population of monarch butterflies has fallen by 90% in recent years; and
- WHEREAS,** this drastic reduction is a reminder of the need to protect the balance in nature; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Wildlife Federation has launched an effort to protect the monarch butterfly by restoring habitat in urban areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Wildlife Federation has enlisted American mayors to commit to this effort by signing the Mayors' Monarch Pledge to take specific action; and
- WHEREAS,** Urbana is taking action in a number of ways to restore milkweed plants required by monarch larvae and native nectar-bearing plants to nourish adult monarchs; and
- WHEREAS,** there is great community interest in educating children and adults about restoring habitat for these lovely butterfly visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I** Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September as

## *Monarch Butterfly Month*

in the City of Urbana, Illinois and urge all citizens to plant milkweed and native nectar-bearing plants to sustain the monarch butterfly.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Urbana to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and sixteen.



*Laurel Lunt Prussing*  
LAUREL LUNT PRUSSING, MAYOR