



CITY OF
SANFORD
FLORIDA

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, young and old; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, there has been a 76% decline in the California overwintering population of Western monarchs which is comparable to the decline seen in the Eastern monarch population that overwinters in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the monarch is also extremely beneficial, pollinating many cultivated flowers and crops, and serves as an indicator species for the ecological health of large geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the City of Sanford has declared an interest in becoming Florida's 9th Monarch City to be designated by Monarch City USA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the monarch butterfly recover city by city; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Sanford can make a difference for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play and worship; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Sanford who have already created healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, it is our hope that other cities across our great nation will also help to ensure that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

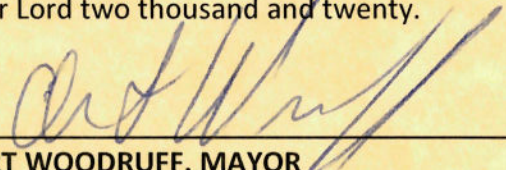
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Art Woodruff by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Sanford, Florida, do hereby officially proclaim the month of June as:

“Monarch Butterfly Month”

in the City of Sanford, Florida, and urge all citizens to support efforts to plant and protect native milkweed and nectar sources, so that monarch butterflies have the resources necessary to produce successive generations and sustain their spectacular migration through the City of Sanford.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sanford, Florida to be affixed this 8th day of June the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.



ART WOODRUFF, MAYOR