



PROCLAMATION 23-04

MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE

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, 27 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip. In 2022, the migratory monarch butterfly was listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Monarchs need our help now more than ever; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly. The Town of Annetta, in conjunction with the Parker County Master Gardeners Association, have played a leadership role by creating a waystation, planting a monarch-friendly demonstration garden at Town Hall with native milkweed and nectar-producing plants, and converting an abandoned lot to monarch habitat; and

WHEREAS, every resident of the Town of Annetta 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 people of the Town of Annetta who have already joined me in creating a healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to join other Mayors by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sandy Roberts, Mayor of the Town of Annetta, do hereby proclaim August 2023, as: "MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE MONTH" IN THE TOWN OF ANNETTA.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the **TOWN OF ANNETTA**, this 20th day of July, A.D. 2023.

APPROVED:

Sandy Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator

