



**PROCLAMATION 20-03**

**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**, 24 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. 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, Bruce Pinckard, Mayor of the Town of Annetta, do hereby proclaim September 2020, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2020.

**APPROVED:**

**Bruce Pinckard, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

Jamee Long, City Secretary

