



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, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly; and

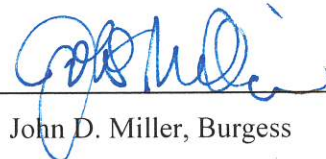
WHEREAS, the Town of Middletown has taken the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge to demonstrate the Town's commitment to creating a habitat for monarch butterflies and educating citizens about how they can make a difference at home; and

WHEREAS, every resident of Middletown can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat and pollinators for the monarch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, John D. Miller, Burgess of Middletown, Maryland, do hereby proclaim March 2021, as: "MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE MONTH" in the Town of Middletown and encourage residents and staff to take steps to increase the planting of milkweed and nectar plants to preserve and strengthen the monarch butterfly population.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of March, 2021.




John D. Miller, Burgess