



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Authorizing the City of Madison to take the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Body

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, the North American monarch population has declined by more than 90% in the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, the migration route of the Eastern population includes the Great Lakes region, and many cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison assumed a leadership role in the protection of pollinators by creating a Pollinator Protection Task Force in 2015 involving staff from eight City departments, citizens and members of the Madison Food Policy Council; and

WHEREAS, the Pollinator Protection Task Force's Report contains Recommendations to educate the general public and City departments on the issue of pollinator decline, to adopt and implement policies that promote pollinator health and habitat and to explore alterations to current City land management practices that improve habitat for pollinators on City-owned land"; and

WHEREAS, the Pollinator Protection Report specifies Action steps that can be followed, as well as timetables and lead agencies responsible to implement these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Olbrich Botanical Gardens has been certified as a Colossal Monarch Way Station by Monarch Watch; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Madison are also creating habitat for monarchs and other pollinators on private property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison will work to educate the public and City departments on the issue of pollinator decline including North American monarch butterflies, and strategies that can be implemented to improve pollinator health and habitat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison will adopt and implement policies that promote pollinator health and habitat including the needs of North American monarch butterflies; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison will explore alterations to current City land management practices that improve habitat for pollinators including North American monarch butterflies on City-owned land; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison will sign the Mayor's Monarch Pledge; and

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City of Madison affirms its commitment to implement the recommendations in its Pollinator Protection Report with a special focus on supporting the North American Monarch butterfly.