



## Town of Montreat

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### Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day

**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**, in 2010 monarchs over-wintering in Mexico occupied 14.94 acres of forest, up from 6.12 acres in 2018. There is still work to be done as in comparison in 1996 when 45 acres were covered with over-wintering monarch; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is uniquely situated right in the middle of one of the few migratory paths, both North and South, for the monarch butterfly; and

**WHEREAS**, cities, towns and counties have a central role to raise awareness in the effort to help save the monarch butterfly; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Montreat can contribute in making a significant difference by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and all pollinators in locations where people, live, work, learn, play and worship; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the people of Montreat who pledge to foster awareness in the effort to create healthy habitats for these magnificent butterflies we are honored to lead the way by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and

**THEREFORE**, The Montreat Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **February 11, 2021** as **Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day** in the Town of Montreat, and urges all citizens to support efforts to save and protect the monarch butterfly; and

**ADOPTED** this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021

Tim Helms, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angie Murphy, Town Clerk