



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, less than one percent of the western monarch populations remains, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent; and

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

WHEREAS, every citizen of Townsend 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 Townsend who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to lead the way by signing the 2024 National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and

WHEREAS, I encourage other city officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the content.

Now, therefore, I, Scott Lobdell, Mayor of the Town of Townsend, do hereby proclaim February 7th, 2024, as: "**MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE DAY**" in the Town of Townsend.

In Witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the Town of Townsend to be affixed this 7th day of February, A.D. 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Lobdell", is written over a horizontal line.

**Scott Lobdell, Mayor
Town of Townsend, Delaware**

Adopted February 7, 2024

