

Town of Zionsville **Proclamation**

DECLARING MAYOR'S MONARCH MONTH IN THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE

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 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 and the Town of Zionsville has already played a leadership role via our native milkweed planting efforts, educational sessions, and other such programs from our Park Department, our Zions Nature Center, as well as from similar efforts from other dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Zionsville can continue to make a greater positive impact for the monarch by planting native milkweed and various nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and other pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, and play; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of the Town Zionsville and the Town Staff who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to sign the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and I encourage other public officials across our State and Nation to take a stand with Zionsville so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across this continent.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy R. Haak, Mayor of the Town of Zionsville, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2016 as:

"Mayor's Monarch Month" in the Town of Zionsville, Indiana

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Town of Zionsville to be affixed

TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA BY ITS MAYOR.

Timothy R Haak Mayor

ATTEST:

Amelia Anne Lacy
Zionsville Director of Finance and Records