

# 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**, in July 2022, scientists put the iconic orange-and-black insect on the endangered list because of its fast dwindling numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, monarchs travel through North Carolina twice a year: from May to July when they return from wintering and from mid-September to early October when they fly south; and

**WHEREAS**, because April is for the Earth in Chapel Hill, providing an opportunity for everyone to engage in efforts – big or small – to help improve our local ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone in Chapel Hill 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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the people of Chapel Hill 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**

In so doing, I encourage everyone to learn more about the amazing monarch butterfly and to support their seasonal migration by planting spring and fall-blooming nectar flowers.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE  
TOWN ON THIS THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF  
APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY THREE.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Pam Hemm".