PROCLAMATION

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day

- **WHERCAS**, 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
- **WHERCAS**, Both the western and eastern monarch populations have seen significant declines with less than one percent of the western monarch population remaining, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent; and
- **WHERCAS,**Deerfield Township recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife; and
- **WHERCAS**, Cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and Deerfield Township is striving to become a leader; and
- **WHEREAS**, On March 17, 2021, I Kristin Malhotra, signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and have officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and
- **WHEREAS**, Deerfield Township has committed to Encourage the community to plant Milkweed, Encourage neighborhoods to plant Monarch Gardens, continue invasive species removal; and
- **WHERCAS**, Every resident of Deerfield Township 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
- **WHERCAS**, Deerfield Township has committed to Encourage the community to plant Milkweed, Encourage neighborhoods to plant Monarch Gardens, Continue invasive species removal; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE, I Kristin Malhotra**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Board of Trustees of Deerfield Township, do hereby proclaim April 6th, 2021 as:

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day

In Deerfield Township and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation.

4.6.21 April 6th, 2021

Kristin Malhotra, President