



PROCLAMATION OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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. In the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip; and

WHEREAS, birds, bees and other insects are essential partners of farmers in producing much of our food supply and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of natural spaces which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the City of Concord has played a leadership role by being recognized as a Wildlife Habitat Community by signing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Concord 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 Concord who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for pollinators, I am honored to join other states and municipalities in bringing awareness to the plight of these vital animals; and I encourage other city officials across our great nation to join us so that the monarch butterfly and all native pollinators will once again flourish across the continent.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Scott Padgett, Mayor of the City of Concord, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of June 20-26, 2016 as:

CONCORD POLLINATOR WEEK

in the City of Concord, North Carolina, and urge all citizens to take part in spreading awareness and protecting our pollinators.



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused this seal to be affixed.*

J. Scott Padgett

J. Scott Padgett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim J. Deason
