

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, Both the western and eastern monarch populations have seen significant declines with less than one percent of the western monarch population remaining; and

WHEREAS, Cities have a critical role in promoting conservation of the monarch butterfly and other pollinators by creating and connecting habitat via the planting of milkweed and other native pollinator plants in city parks, medians, and rights-of-way, and

WHEREAS, Tempe has supported monarch habitat plantings for several years in conjunction with increased use of Sonoran Desert native plant palettes, and also commits to educating residents on how they can make a difference at home and in their community by promoting community workshops, native plant giveaways, and educating residents on the butterfly's cultural significance and how to create habitat; and

WHEREAS, The work of city staff from the Transportation and Sustainability Department, Community Services, Water Conservation and outside stakeholders like Arizona Wildlife Federation, Arizona State University and the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management can support city-wide conservation of habitat and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, Therefore, we hereby commit to help restore habitat for the monarch and encourage our residents to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Corey Woods, Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, do hereby declare:

September 4, 2025

as

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Month

in Tempe, Arizona

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
1st Day of September, Two
Thousand and Twenty-Five.



Corey D. Woods

