



PROCLAMATION

**MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH
MAY 2015**

WHEREAS, the Monarch butterfly has been the official butterfly of Minnesota since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Monarch butterfly population is down from 350 million to 60 million butterflies, and

WHEREAS, the Monarch butterfly migrates from Mexico to Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Monarch butterflies feed on nectar from flowers like Coneflowers, Black Eyed Susans and Blazing Stars; and

WHEREAS, Monarch butterflies will only lay their eggs on milkweed plants, and

WHEREAS, Monarch butterfly larvae need milkweed plants for food; and

WHEREAS, one Monarch caterpillar needs 20-25 milkweed leaves to turn into a pupae; and

WHEREAS, it takes one month to grow from an egg to a caterpillar to a Monarch butterfly; and

NOW, THERE, I James B. Hovland, Mayor of Edina do hereby proclaim, the month of May 2015 the time for Edina residents to plant milkweed seeds

Dated this 6th of May 2015.

James B. Hovland
Mayor