

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-__**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Alan Webber

6 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

7 Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE CITY OF SANTA FE JOINING THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE**
12 **FEDERATION’S MAYORS’ MONARCH PLEDGE TO PRESERVE THE MONARCH**
13 **BUTTERFLY AND THE HABITAT UPON WHICH IT RELIES.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge program
16 (“Pledge”) began in 2015 to engage cities and communities in monarch and pollinator conservation;
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18 **WHEREAS**, between 2015 and 2020, the program welcomed over 600 mayors and heads
19 of local and tribal governments who engaged 6 million people and restored more than 6,500 acres
20 of monarch habitat; and

21 **WHEREAS**, mayors and others heads of local and tribal government are taking action to
22 help save the monarch butterfly; and

23 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Wildlife Federation, eastern populations of the
24 Monarch have declined by 90 percent and western populations by 99 percent in recent years; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the monarch’s migration spans Mexico, the United States, and Canada; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Tri-National Mayor’s Monarch Pledge was created in 2017 to include
2 pledges from local leaders in Mexico and Canada; and

3 **WHEREAS**, all three countries play a critical role in saving the monarch butterfly and the
4 habitat it relies on; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in joining Pledge, U.S. cities, municipalities, and other communities commit
6 to creating habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators and educating residents about how they
7 can make a difference at home and in their community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the City was recently designated a Bee City, USA and is working across
9 departments to look for opportunities to protect and create pollinator habitats. Many of the native
10 pollinator habitats the City is currently working on as part of its Bee City, USA initiative also serve
11 as habitats for the monarch; and

12 **WHEREAS**, this project is in alignment with the 2021 Water Conservation scorecard, as
13 well as in the City of Santa Fe Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Master Plan.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
15 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports the City’s joining of the
16 National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge, which will be fulfilled by the City’s
17 existing commitments to rebuild and protect the monarch butterfly’s habitat, work
18 collaboratively with community organizations to promote a recommended native plants list
19 that saves water, and support habitats for native pollinators.

20 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

25 *Legislation/2021/Resolutions/Supporting the Monarch Pledge*