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**PROCLAMATION  
MONARCH BUTTERFLY DAY 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species who from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the Village of Orland Park has played a leadership role by establishing two (2) Monarch Wayfinding Habitats at the Village Hall Green Roof and Stellwagen Farm Prairie and participating in the Monarch Village USA program; and

**WHEREAS**, every citizen of Orland Park 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 and play; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the people of Orland Park who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored for Orland Park to be an official Monarch Village USA; and I encourage other city officials across the nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James Dodge, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2nd as MONARCH BUTTERFLY DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect the monarch butterfly and promote their well-being for the benefit of present and future generations.

**Dated** this 20th day of April, 2026

James Dodge  
Mayor