



Proclamation

Flight of the Monarch Day

August 21, 2021

Whereas Monarch butterflies are one of the most iconic and cherished insects in North America. Their epic 5,000 kilometre migration from eastern Canada to the forests of central Mexico begins in late August each year; and

Whereas in 2013, the eastern population of monarch butterflies dropped by 95 percent, the smallest recorded population since the mid-1990s; and

Whereas since 2013, the population has rebounded, thanks in part to the elective efforts of thousands of individuals, groups and communities across Canada, but the Monarch's future remains in serious peril; and

Whereas Flight of the Monarchs Day is an opportunity to celebrate the growing movement to protect monarch butterflies and the astonishing phenomenon of their migration as their epic journey southward begins.

Therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim the day of **August 22nd, 2021** as **Flight of the Monarchs Day** in the Town of Aurora.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tom Mrakas".

Tom Mrakas
Mayor