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Citizen Resolution # 45-01-14

**Title: SAVING OUR MONARCHS (Monarch Butterflies, i.e.)**

*Statement of Problem/Challenge*

Wisconsin's Monarch Butterfly population is at an historic low; and the Monarch Butterfly could become extinct in Wisconsin without sufficient fall migration to Mexico and spring migration from Mexico and Texas to Wisconsin. The major reason for this Monarch population reduction is that female Monarchs only lay their eggs in/on Milkweed plants; and there has been a widespread loss of Milkweed plants in Wisconsin, resulting in the migration of fewer Monarchs; and

Estimates indicate that approximately thirty per cent (30%) of those Monarchs annually migrating to Mexico are from Wisconsin; and the total number of Monarchs in Mexico has declined by ninety per cent (90%) from record high numbers in the 1990s.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting held in Outagamie County on April 14, 2014, recommends that this organization (WCC) work closely and actively with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to initiate and implement necessary action to institute a public awareness campaign aimed at restoring more Milkweed vegetation in Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress supports the designation of the Monarch Butterfly as Wisconsin's state butterfly. Twenty-seven other states already have a state butterfly, including the States of Minnesota and Illinois which have designated the Monarch as their state butterfly.

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