



## Flight of the Monarchs Day

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.

WHEREAS, In 2013, the eastern population of Monarch butterflies dropped by 95 per cent, the smallest recorded population since the mid-1990s. Since 2013, the population has rebounded, thanks in part to the collective efforts of thousands of individuals, groups and communities across Canada, but the Monarch's future remains in serious peril.

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor of the City of Vaughan, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2020 as Flight of the Monarchs Day.

The City of Vaughan will recognize a date in August, to be determined by Monarch Nation, as Flight of the Monarchs Day, on an annual basis.



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