

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP OF THE DUNWOODY
NATURE CENTER’S MILKWEED PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody is committed to the pursuit of sustainability through its policies, programs, and actions; and

WHEREAS, at the core of this mission is the City’s commitment to integrity, sustainable practices, and community spirit to achieve an attractive quality of life, a robust economy, a thriving natural environment, healthy living, efficient government, and an engaged and informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the City’s adopted Sustainability Plan identifies the Dunwoody Nature Center as one of our strongest assets, whereby the City has committed to cultivating its partnership to forward its sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, butterflies are critical to the pollination process, thus are linked to food supply and our overall sustainability; and

WHEREAS, butterfly populations, Monarchs, in particular, have been reduced by 96 percent in the last 20 years, according to a butterfly research organization, the Xerces Society; and

WHEREAS, Monarch butterflies depend on the milkweed plant as a habitat and an important component of reproduction; and

WHEREAS, Dunwoody Nature Center is seeking to partner with the City to foster the Milkweed Project, an initiative to raise awareness of the declining butterfly population and a strategy to cultivate the spread of milkweed; and

WHEREAS, the project aligns with the City’s adopted Sustainability Plan as a strategic partnership, an outreach and education opportunity, and aligns with the City’s goals for ecology, biodiversity, and public health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 13th day of April, 2015 that the Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody dedicate resources to partner with the Dunwoody Nature Center in support of the Milkweed Project.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk