

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

**RESOLUTION 2015-XX-XX**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

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Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk