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MEDIA ALERT

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CERTIFIED MONARCH WAY STATION CREATED BY GIRL SCOUTS

Novato troop partners with Marin Humane

A certified Monarch Waystation created by a Novato Girl Scout Troop will receive its official dedication and ribbon cutting this **Sunday, May 5, at 11 am at Marin Humane**, where the Monarch Waystation is located. Novato Mayor Eric Lucan will be in attendance as will noted naturalist, Charlotte Torgovitsky.

Seven Girl Scouts from Troop 31068 in Novato earned their Girl Scout Bronze Award by researching, designing, building, and maintaining the Monarch Waystation which is a specialized habitat that meets the needs of migrating Monarch butterflies and is recognized in the global online registry of Butterfly Waystations with a certified plaque and habitat's unique Monarch Waystation ID number.

The Bronze Award is the 3rd highest leadership award for girls in Girl Scouting and is only available to girls in 4th and 5th grade. They spent more than 20 hours each (a total of 140 hours of service) on their Bronze Award project creating a natural habitat with flowering California native plants for Monarch butterflies during their annual migration.

"The Monarch butterflies need a home when migrating through Novato, and Marin Humane had the perfect outdoor space for this habitat to be certified as a butterfly waystation," said Grace Gatlin, a Girl Scout from Troop 31068.

WHO: Girl Scout Troop 31068, Marin Humane, Mayor Lucan

WHAT: Dedication and ribbon-cutting of certified Monarch Waystation

WHERE: Marin Humane Creekside Classroom, 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd, Novato

WHEN: 11 am to 12 noon

WHY: Monarch butterfly populations have drastically decreased and creating special waystations for them on migration routes can reverse this dangerous trend.

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