

BOROUGH OF CARNEGIE

PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions Americans; and

WHEREAS,

20 years ago, more than one billion eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip; and

WHEREAS,

the Borough of Carnegie wants to play a leadership role by continuing "The Carnegie Monarch Butterfly Conservation Project"; and

WHEREAS,

I commend the Carnegie Shade Tree Commission's hard work, their public art display at Carnegie Library depicting the Monarch Life Cycle and for joining the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat® program that supports native planting and provides key habitat for hummingbirds and other critical butterfly, moth, and bee species.

WHEREAS,

in 2022, Carnegie completed 24 pledge action items, giving us "Monarch Champion" status along with only three other municipalities nationwide. In 2023, we will complete more actions with environmental, educational, and creative projects; and

WHEREAS,

on behalf of the people of Carnegie who will join me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to lead the way by again signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and I encourage other city officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

NOW THEREFORE,

I, Stacie Riley, Mayor of the Borough of Carnegie, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 20, 2023, the date of our third annual Monarch Butterfly Festival as:

"MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE DAY" IN THE BOROUGH OF CARNEGIE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Borough of Carnegie, this 14th day of August, A.D. 2023.