



## Mayor's Monarch Pledge

April 29, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Penfield Town Board recognizes the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, both the western and eastern monarch populations have seen significant declines with less than one percent of the western monarch population remaining, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Local plant species, wildlife, and urban agriculture all depend on pollination from bees, butterflies, and other insects; and

**WHEREAS**, Pollinator species are in decline due to habitat loss and the use of pesticides, causing species like the monarch butterfly to decline significantly in the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Penfield will continue to support local, state and national efforts that protect, restore, and conserve habitat for pollinators, as well as foster a greater connection between residents and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2023, the Town of Penfield, signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and have officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has committed to working with Color Penfield Green and Healthy Yards Monroe to complete the installation of a pollinator friendly garden at Penfield Community Center; and