



## Arbor Day, April 20, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Penfield, NY recognizes the importance of native trees, plants, and pollinators, and their significant role in maintaining ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, human health relies on well-functioning ecosystems, and biodiversity which supports food production, healthy soil, and air quality while improving connections between humans and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, local plant species, wildlife, and urban agriculture all depend on pollination from bees, butterflies, and other insects; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of energy use, the implementation of renewable energy, and the use of native plantings benefit humans and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and has continued to be observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2023, and again on February 2, 2024, the Town of Penfield signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Penfield will continue to support local, state, and national efforts that protect, restore, and conserve our native ecosystems; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeff Leenhouts, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Penfield Town Supervisor, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2024, as the Town of Penfield's Arbor Day and Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day. I encourage all residents to participate in the planting of native trees and plants, and celebrate the monarch butterfly as well as all pollinators through efforts that protect our ecosystems and ensure the well-being of this generation and future generations.

*Dated: April 20, 2024*

**Jeff Leenhouts, Town Supervisor**