

PROCLAMATION

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day

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 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 Village of Irvington, NY 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, Cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the Village of Irvington, NY is striving to become a leader; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2024, I, Jonathan A. Siegel, 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 Village of Irvington, NY has committed to engage with gardening leaders and partners, including CJ Reilly of the O'Hara Nature Center, the Irvington Garden Club, the Green Policy Task Force, the Irvington Recreation and Parks Department, and the Irvington Pollinator Pathway to support monarch butterfly conservation. The Village of Irvington, NY has also committed to planting and maintaining a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent community location. We thank all our partners in this effort.; and

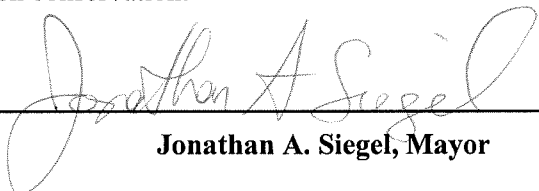
WHEREAS, Every resident of the Village of Irvington, NY can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play and worship; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan A. Siegel, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Irvington, NY, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2024 as:

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day

in the Village of Irvington, NY and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation.

September 3, 2024


Jonathan A. Siegel, Mayor