

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
The City of Cape May

# 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 City Of Cape May 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 City Of Cape May is striving to become a leader; and

WHEREAS, On the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of March, I Zachary Mullock, 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 City Of Cape May has committed to working with sustainable Jersey, Cape May Green team, New Jersey Audubon Society, and The Nature Center Of Cape May; and

WHEREAS, Every resident of The City Of Cape May 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, ZACHARY M. MULLOCK, MAYOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of The City Of Cape May, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2024 as:

**Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day** in The City Of Cape May and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate monarch conservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the seal of the City of Cape May to be  
affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
Zachary Mullock, Mayor

