BOROUGH OF CARNEGIE

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the monarch butterfly is an important pollinator and iconic North American species whose multi-generational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions Americans; and

WHEREAS, 25 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 Monarch Butterfly population is estimated to have more than doubled since 2014 thanks to the efforts of the Borough of Carnegie and others across North America; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Carnegie wants to continue to play a leadership role with "The Carnegie Monarch Butterfly Conservation Project" now its sixth year; and

WHEREAS, I commend the hard work of the Carnegie Shade Tree Commission and borough staff for coordinating the completion of 29 action items in 2025, earning the Borough of Carnegie "Monarch Champion" status for the fourth year in a row. We are on track to complete 29 action items in 2026; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Carnegie who will join me in creating a 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, Sam Bigham, Mayor of the Borough of Carnegie, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 23, 2026, the date of our sixth 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 10th day of August, A.D. 2026.

Sam Bigham, Mayor
Borough of Carnegie