

Proclamation

MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly is an iconic pollinator species whose multigenerational migration spanning thousands of miles has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, both the western and eastern North American monarch populations have seen significant declines since the 1990s; and

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

WHEREAS, cities, towns, and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, as mayor, I signed the 2025 National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, and our town has officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly since 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has done the following to encourage all residents to learn about and celebrate monarch conservation: education and outreach to residents, native seed giveaways, planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly species on Town properties, and updating the Town Code to allow managed natural landscapes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of Carrboro, do hereby urge all residents of the community to do their part by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for monarchs and other pollinators.

This the 21st day of October, 2025.


Barbara M. Foushee

