

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-142**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2026 MONARCH PLEDGE AND ESTABLISHING A BOROUGH-WIDE MONARCH CONSERVATION INITIATIVE**

---

**WHEREAS**, the Monarch butterfly is a vital pollinator species whose population has significantly declined due to habitat loss, climate change, and reduction of milkweed and native nectar plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs recognizes the ecological, environmental, and educational importance of protecting pollinators and preserving biodiversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has executed the 2026 Monarch Pledge, committing the Borough to advancing monarch conservation efforts through policy, programming, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Environmentalist, Arborist, and Shade Tree Commission have provided input and guidance to support a coordinated, science-based approach to monarch habitat restoration and sustainability initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough seeks to implement a comprehensive and community-driven strategy that aligns with best practices in environmental stewardship and public engagement;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**1. Proclamation & Public Awareness**

The Borough shall issue a formal proclamation recognizing Monarch Butterfly Conservation Awareness and continue public communication efforts encouraging residents to plant monarch gardens, including outreach in multiple languages where appropriate.

**2. Community Engagement & Outreach**

The Borough shall:

- Engage Homeowners Associations (HOAs), neighborhood groups, and community organizations to promote monarch habitat creation and pollinator-friendly practices
- Launch or support a Monarch Garden initiative encouraging residents to plant milkweed and native nectar plants
- Develop a community-driven conservation strategy with a focus on outreach to underserved populations

**3. Interdepartmental Coordination**

The Borough shall coordinate with:

- Department of Public Works
- Parks and Recreation
- Environmental Commission / Environmentalist
- Shade Tree Commission to identify and implement opportunities to:
  - Revise mowing practices to support pollinator habitats
  - Expand planting of milkweed and native nectar plants on municipal properties
  - Integrate pollinator-friendly landscaping practices into routine operations

**4. Program Development & Demonstration Projects**

The Borough shall support and/or implement:

- Milkweed seed collection and propagation initiatives
- Planting of pollinator-friendly vegetation along roadsides, medians, and public rights-of-way
- Demonstration gardens on municipal property
- Outdoor education programs in partnership with schools, community groups, and youth organizations
- Participation in recognized conservation programs, including the National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat program

**5. Community-Based Initiatives**

The Borough shall explore:

- Hosting a Monarch Neighborhood Challenge to encourage community-wide participation
- Supporting neighborhood-led planting and conservation efforts

**6. Policy & Systems Change**

The Borough shall evaluate and, where appropriate:

- Increasing the use of native plants, shrubs, and trees in municipal landscaping standards
- Updating ordinances and operational practices to incorporate milkweed and pollinator-friendly plantings
- Integrating monarch conservation strategies into relevant Borough plans, including:
  - Park Master Plan
  - Sustainability initiatives
  - Climate resiliency efforts

**7. Implementation & Reporting**

The Borough Administrator, in coordination with relevant staff and advisory bodies, is hereby authorized to:

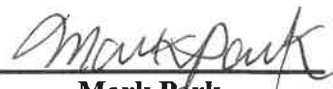
- Oversee implementation of these initiatives
- Identify funding opportunities, including grants and partnerships
- Provide updates to the Mayor and Council on progress as appropriate

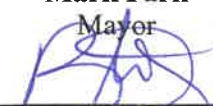
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at the Reorganization Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, held on this 13th day of May 2026.

|            | Moved | Second | Ayes | Nays | Abstain | Absent |
|------------|-------|--------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Biegacz    |       |        | ✓    | ✓    |         |        |
| Liang      |       | ✓      | ✓    | ✓    |         |        |
| Patel      | ✓     |        | ✓    | ✓    |         |        |
| Kapsaskis  |       | ✓      | ✓    | ✓    |         |        |
| Lee        |       |        | ✓    | ✓    |         |        |
| Koutroubas |       |        | ✓    | ✓    |         |        |
| Mayor Park |       |        |      |      |         |        |

  
**Mark Park**  
 Mayor

  
**Beauty Nadim, RMC/CMR**  
 Municipal Clerk