

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 81 OF 2021

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS HOGAN, WILD, FRASIER, STROUGH, LEGGETT, GERAGHTY AND MERLINO (*ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*)

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS BEATY, LEGGETT, WILD, CONOVER AND SMITH (*GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE*)

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION ON BRIDGING DIVISIONS AND WORKING TOGETHER

WHEREAS, the nation has just celebrated and honored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. And the inauguration of the 46th President and Vice president of the United States, Joseph R. Biden and Kamala D. Harris, and

WHEREAS, the nation and world collectively witnessed the violence and fear that was engendered on January 6, 2021 at the U.S. Capitol, underscoring the importance of the principles of finding common ground to solve problems, working together in good faith to forge solutions, and advancing the ideals of democracy, and

WHEREAS, the ideals of democracy cannot endure in the presence of the ideology of white supremacy; these ideals aspire to lift up the voices of all, including those of people who have been overlooked, forgotten, excluded, and who are facing persistent threats to their lives and livelihoods, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. faces the most dire global health emergency in 100 years, the worst economic crisis in modern history, a massive climate crisis, and a racial reckoning overdue for centuries, it is imperative that we work together to advance the democratic processes that expedite solving these intractable challenges, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisor's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion is foundational to achieving our vision of "An Economy that Works for All," now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors reaffirms the core values that have

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underscored decades of our work with communities and the diversity of citizens across the region; these core values are INCLUSIVENESS - engaging a diverse set of partners; BELIEF IN DIALOGUE - facilitating shared strategies; and INTEGRITY - candor, accountability and reliance on facts and data to drive decisions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors is committed to a governing and work environment which reflects and actively promotes its core values of inclusiveness, honest and respectful dialogue, integrity in all its interactions, and reliance on facts and data to drive decisions. The Board values and celebrates the diversity of citizens across the region, and is committed to social justice, mutual respect, civility, and the elimination of discrimination. In committing ourselves to these principles, the Board further invites elected officials, other non-profits, municipal leadership, businesses, and its partners in the region to join in this commitment to the principles of democratic ideals and to hold each other accountable, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the goal of this Board of Supervisors is to, within two (2) months, include other municipalities and interested organizations in this effort to expand and facilitate upon the actions necessary to move this initiative forward.