

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Korean War resulted in dozens of service members from Warren County serving a conflict far from home, and making the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, and

WHEREAS, more than 7,600 United States Service Members are considered missing in action from this conflict in Asia, many of them killed in remote areas of North Korea as the war expanded in scope in December 1950, and

WHEREAS, Army Sgt. Howard R. Belden, of Hague, was 19 years old when he was reported missing December 1, 1950 when a vehicle convoy he was in was ambushed during the battle of Chosin Reservoir, and

WHEREAS, as a part of U.S. military efforts to bring remains of all fallen service members home, Sgt. Belden's body was finally accounted for on October 14, 2021 and returned to the United States for proper burial, and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2022, a tribute for Sgt. Belden will be held at the Korean War Memorial in Albany, NY, and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2022, a vehicle procession will be held in Hague from the fire station to Veterans Memorial Park, to be followed by a tribute ceremony in memory of Sgt. Belden, and

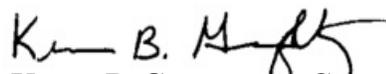
WHEREAS, Sgt. Belden is to be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on May 12, 2022, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, upon a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2022 to be

SGT. HOWARD BELDEN DAY

in Warren County, in honor of Sgt. Belden's sacrifice for the freedom of the citizens of the United States of America.

DATED: APRIL 14, 2022



**KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**