

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September is known globally as “Suicide Prevention Month”, which is intended to raise awareness about the mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in our Community with the goal of starting the conversation about mental health and the impact of suicide to help de-stigmatize the conversation and connect people with the appropriate support services, and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death among adults, and the second leading cause of death amount individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 in the United States, and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, close to 50,000 people die by suicide across the United States annually, and

WHEREAS, each an every suicide directly impacts a minimum of 100 additional people, including family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and community members, and

WHEREAS, Warren County publicly places its full support behind those who work in the fields of mental health, education, and law enforcement, who serve on the front lines of a war that many still refuse to discuss, as stigma regarding suicide and mental health issues is far too prevalent, now, therefore, be it

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH IN WARREN COUNTY

and urge all citizens to take the time to understand the importance of mental health education, and to recognize that taking care of ourselves and others includes taking care of mental health.

DATED: SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

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