

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects all New Yorkers, and far too many people suffer abuse at the hands of a spouse or intimate partner; these victims can be of any age, race, religion, or economic status and the resulting damage is inflicted not only on victims, but their children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the documented instances of domestic violence are only a small representation of the breadth of the problem, and yet even these numbers are staggering and growing; and

WHEREAS, important programs, such as those provided locally by the Catholic Charities of Warren and Washington Counties and the Crime Victims Assistance Division within the Warren County District Attorney's Office are critical to assisting and protecting those affected by domestic violence, providing safe haven, hope and justice; and

WHEREAS, the passage of critical laws to help protect and assist domestic violence victims and their children and to hold offenders accountable are of utmost importance and continue to be revised and improved upon; and

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to ending domestic violence is also exemplified by the work of its state and county agencies that, in the face of declining revenues, have continued to recognize that sustaining our response to domestic violence is critical through efforts including strengthening systems' response to domestic violence in both the criminal justice and human services fields, and improving our efforts to measure the incidence and prevalence of domestic violence crimes in addition to the daily work carried out by agencies that are dedicated to working with those who respond to and assist victims; and

WHEREAS, New York State remains dedicated to increasing the public's knowledge of domestic violence through the dissemination of informational materials and through collaborative efforts such as the State's annual "Shine the Light on Domestic Violence" initiative, which connects communities across the State by turning New York purple in October, an electronic campaign targeted at informing teens, and providing a social media presence; now, therefore, be it

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN WARREN COUNTY

and urge all citizens to join in supporting victims of domestic violence and sharing the worthy goals of the month-long observance, and likewise, supporting the work of public and private entities that strive to provide the best coordinated response to domestic violence in communities across the State.

DATED: SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

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