

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, October was first declared National Substance Abuse Prevention Month in 2011, and since then has served as a time to highlight the vital role of substance abuse prevention in both individual and community health, to remember those who have lost their lives to substance abuse, and to acknowledge those in recovery, and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans suffer from substance abuse, which includes underage drinking, alcohol dependency, non-medical use of prescription drugs, abuse of over-the-counter medications, and illicit drug use, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the earlier an individual starts smoking, drinking or using other drugs, the greater the likelihood of developing addiction, with 9 out of 10 people who abuse or are addicted to nicotine, alcohol or other drugs having begun using these substances before they were 18, and

WHEREAS, prevention strategies targeting the root of the problem are essential to curbing drug use and helping people lead healthier lives, and

WHEREAS, early intervention helps prevent substance abuse and reduce the negative consequences of addiction before they occur, and

WHEREAS, through community-based efforts, such as those provided by the Warren/Washington Counties Council for Prevention, involving youth, parents, educators, and government officers, we can strengthen the support systems that deter our nation's young people from drug consumption, 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 the month of October 2022 to be

YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Warren County and encourage all residents to participate in activities aimed at preventing youth substance abuse and raising awareness with regard to the same.

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 2022

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