

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year, thousands of lives are needlessly lost on our nation's roadways because of alcohol and drug-impaired driving, causing avoidable tragedies which leave deep holes in families and communities, and

WHEREAS, driving while impaired by any substance - legal or illegal - is dangerous; alcohol, illicit drugs, and even over-the-counter and prescription medications can impair a driver's judgement, decrease motor coordination, and slow the reaction time necessary to safely operate a motor vehicle, and

WHEREAS, alcohol-impaired driving leads to over 10,000 deaths in the United States each year,

WHEREAS, during National Impaired Driving Prevention Month each December, we reaffirm our commitment to preventing impaired driving and we remember the victims of these actions and honor their memory by making the responsible decision to drive sober and ensure that others do the same, and

WHEREAS, during this observation, we must also share our appreciation for the law enforcement officers who risk their lives each day to keep our communities safe while keeping impaired drivers off our roadways; those in our justice system who advocate for victims impacted by impaired driving; and health care and substance abuse treatment specialists who treat those with alcohol and substance abuse related conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors values the lives of all Warren County citizens and hopes that raising awareness on the impacts of impaired driving will reduce the number of these avoidable tragedies, 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 December, 2022 to be

IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

in Warren County, and encourage all Warren County residents to support efforts that will increase community awareness, understanding and action to address impaired driving in our community, not only during the month of December, but throughout the rest of the year, as well.

DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2022

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