

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors takes pride in recognizing February 2023 as Black History Month, celebrating the many notable contributions that people of African descent have made to our nation, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we have never fully lived up to the founding ideals of this nation of all people being created equal, and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the diversity of Black people in Warren County, New York, and throughout our country, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge systemic racism has led to African Americans being more likely to die at an early age from all causes, often misdiagnosed, and impacted by health inequities throughout the health care system that have traumatized the Black community, and

WHEREAS, we now celebrate Black health and wellness, including the legacy of Black scholars, midwives, nurses, doctors, and practitioners of not only Western medicine, but all other indigenous ways of promoting health and healing throughout Black communities,

WHEREAS, we uplift our community leaders, professionals and others who promote well-being and knowledge throughout the many facets of the Black community, and

WHEREAS, each Black individual has a unique mind, body and soul, which deserves to be healthy, well and treated with respect and empathy, and

WHEREAS, recent events have re-evaluated the mandate of the Black struggle and underscore the need for more than raised voices to speak about the lasting institutional and societal change that is needed in our country, and

WHEREAS, we encourage all people to recognize and confront these issues by standing in the gap at every opportunity and eliminating barriers with fearlessness and determination to empower Black people to promote and protect their health and wellness, and

WHEREAS, today, we celebrate and affirm the importance of Black people to our community throughout our State and the Nation, 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 February to be

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Warren County, and call upon the people of Warren County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and reflections and to continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all

DATED: FEBRUARY 17, 2023

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