

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a major problem across the world, with an estimated 24.9 million people, mainly women and children, around the world having been subjected to human trafficking, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is not a problem that is limited to big cities, as law enforcement in Warren County and the rest of the Capital Region frequently confront issues related to it as well, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking not only represents a threat to international peace and security but also undermines the rule of law, robs millions of their dignity and freedom, enriches transnational criminals and terrorists, and threatens public safety and national security everywhere, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking found that the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the risk factors and challenges vulnerable populations face and created obstacles for those impacted by trafficking and exploitation to pursue justice and receive services, as federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local agencies were unprepared and overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, President Obama declared January “National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month” and every year since, each President has followed this tradition, 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

“HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH”

in Warren County, and encourage all residents to be cognizant of the impacts of human trafficking locally and around the world.

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