

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each fall since 1990, the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce has given an award for community service in the name of local industrialist and philanthropist J. Walter Juckett, and

WHEREAS, this award annually recognizes members of the community who selflessly go above and beyond by contributing time and energy to help others and demonstrate significant contributions to the community in the field of human services, education, business, or industry, and

WHEREAS, over the years, this prestigious award has honored 34 different people who make up the fabric of our community, and

WHEREAS, longtime Warren County physician and Adirondack medical leader Dr. John Rugge has been deservedly selected as the 2021 J. Walter Juckett Award nominee, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rugge came to Warren County in 1974 to work as a physician and enjoy the quality of life we find in the Southern Adirondacks, and through his dogged and determined efforts, revolutionized family health care in rural New York in the decades that followed through the founding of Hudson Headwaters Health Network, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rugge and Hudson Headwaters provided essential medical services by combining clinical practice and leadership of several related organizations that provide health care services across northeastern New York with a special emphasis on caring for the underserved communities, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rugge served as senior policy advisor to government, development of managed care organizations, and organizer of innovative models of care for the Adirondack North Country Region, serving on 40 government advisory panels, task forces, and councils—all of which served to make Hudson Headwaters a model for others across New York State and the nation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Warren County Board of Supervisors congratulates Dr. Rugge on this well-deserved award, and thanks him for his years of selfless efforts to the residents of Warren County and the region and extends our deepest gratitude to the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce for annually recognizing individuals who are pillars of our community with the prestigious J. Walter Juckett award.

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