

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month is celebrated every April, featuring local and national activities to educate and encourage Americans to register as donors and consider living donation, as well as to celebrate those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of organ donation, and

WHEREAS, 46,000-plus organ transplants from 23,288 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2023, a 12 percent increase in donors from 2021, and

WHEREAS, on average 85,600 corneal transplants help to restore sight and 2.5 million tissue transplants heal lives each year, and

WHEREAS, while there are more than 170 million people registered as organ, eye and tissue donors, the need remains great with upwards of 103,000 Americans waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, many of whom will receive a lifesaving transplant, but, for some, help will not come fast enough - whether they are coping with kidney failure or recovering from severe injuries, these individuals' lives depend on the compassion of a loved one or a complete stranger, and

WHEREAS, Warren County residents demonstrate their commitment to one another in the most difficult of circumstances through organ, tissue, stem cell, and blood donation, responding with the spirit of generosity that has always defined the character of New Yorkers to continuously answer the call for help; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Clerk's Office, through the staff at the Department of Motor Vehicles office, participates each April in an effort to raise awareness to the need for organ donation through efforts to encourage patrons sign up to be organ donors, and

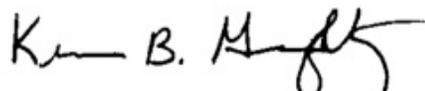
WHEREAS, together, we can save lives and give hope to countless American families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2024 to be

DONATE LIFE MONTH

in Warren County, and call upon health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations to join forces to boost the number of organ, tissue, blood, and stem cell donors throughout our Nation.

DATED: APRIL 19, 2024



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