

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month - a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it, and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, abuse and assault are widespread problems - in the United States alone, nearly one in five women and one in sixty-seven men have been raped at some time in their lives, and one in four girls and one in twenty boys is sexually abused by the age of seventeen, and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, assault and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces, and

WHEREAS, now, more than ever, screens and technology connect us with others - but for too long, harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse have been seen as unavoidable behaviors online, and

WHEREAS, each of us has the power to change this statistic and together we can make a difference to build inclusive, safe and respectful communities that thrive both online and offline, and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the twenty-third anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the theme of this year's campaign is "Building Connected Communities," focusing on how community partners can confront the problem of sexual assault, and

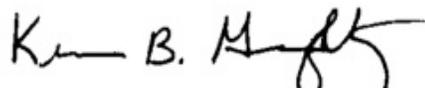
WHEREAS, we can build online communities free from sexual harassment, abuse, and assault by practicing digital consent, intervening when we see harmful behaviors and promoting online communities that value inclusion, safety, and respect, now, therefore, be it

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Warren County and call upon all Warren County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and prevention of sexual harassment, abuse and assault, in both our online and offline communities.

DATED: APRIL 19, 2024



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