

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month has been an observance in the United States each September since 2004, and is aimed at raising awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time, and

WHEREAS, the theme chosen for 2024 is “Start a Conversation” a campaign that emphasizes family communication to ensure preparedness for emergencies, and

WHEREAS, Warren County Office of Emergency Services, working with NY state and local partners, has organized a free local preparedness training session at Warren County Sheriff’s Office on Saturday, October 19, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Warren County Office of Emergency Services have also put together extensive emergency preparedness information that provides residents with opportunities to learn to be better equipped for bad weather, fires and other emergencies which includes:

Determining where to evacuate should you have to leave your home, including designating a meeting place and a location to seek shelter;

Putting together an emergency kit that includes water, non-perishable food, medications, first aid kit, flashlight, maps, basic tools, dust mask, battery-powered radio, rechargeable battery for a cellphone, personal wipes and garbage bags;

Storing your emergency kit items in a “go bag” that can be grabbed at a moment’s notice;

Keeping pets in mind, setting aside food and medications they may need if you have to leave home quickly;

Educating yourself about risks, and preparing the area around your home for bad weather. Trim tree branches, maintain home gutters and identify other possible threats to your home during wind or heavy rain;

Preparing your vehicle with basic equipment for winter weather, such as a snow shovel, extra clothes and blankets; and,

WHEREAS, preparing in advance makes for a better and safer operation for residents and their families if the time comes to react and will lead to less stress and confusion for everyone, now therefore, be it

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

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in Warren County, and urge all citizens to develop and implement preparedness plans to ensure the health and safety of themselves and their families in the event of an emergency.

DATED: SEPTEMBER 20, 2024



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