

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission received over 1,000,000 identity theft complaints in 2023, with more than 20% of U.S. residents have reported being victim of some type of identity theft crime during their lifetime, and

**WHEREAS**, financial losses from identity theft in 2023 amounted to over \$10 billion, a 16% increase from the year before, and

**WHEREAS**, it can be difficult to completely protect all of our personal information, as oftentimes personal information can be stolen through cybercrime and hacking from organizations that lawfully obtained this information, and

**WHEREAS**, there are steps we as citizens can take to lessen the chances of being victims if identity theft, such as using secure passwords, enabling two-factor identification on devices, destroying sensitive information when it is in print form and updating computer systems and security software, and

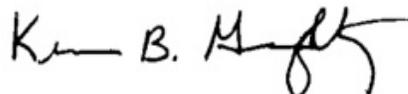
**WHEREAS**, the Federal Trade Commission's website at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov) provides in-depth resources and guidance for preventing identity theft and responding to it if it occurs, therefore, be it

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

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in Warren County, and encourage all Warren County residents to take precautions to secure financial records and safeguard their personal information to lessen the chances of being victimized, not only during the month of December, but throughout the rest of the year, as well.

**DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2024**



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