

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that exploits the most vulnerable among us and weakens the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across generations, and

WHEREAS, More than 20 years since the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, human trafficking still exists -- including the forced or fraudulent recruitment, harboring, or transportation of people for forced labor or sexual activity, and

WHEREAS, Many people incorrectly believe that human trafficking is an urban problem, and do not realize that it occurs worldwide, in communities of all types and sizes, including Warren County, and

WHEREAS, Individuals can be trafficked in person and online; in industries such as restaurants, domestic work, construction, agriculture, and factories; and by strangers or someone they know, including employers, partners, and family members, and

WHEREAS, A successful response to human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide effort involving public and private resources, and

WHEREAS, Multiple Warren County agencies work to assist victims, and two agencies Warren County Department of Social Services and Warren County Department of Workforce Development, joined forces in 2024 to help organize Lower Adirondack Alliance for Freedom to help counteract local human trafficking, and

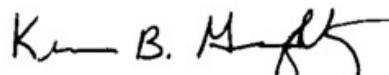
WHEREAS, every individual, family, community, and organization can contribute to enhancing human trafficking awareness, prevention, and response by learning about ways to help at loweradkfree.org and humantraffickinghotline.org, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman, do hereby proclaim January 2025 to be

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

in Warren County, and ask that Warren County residents be mindful of the local problems that human trafficking presents, and take steps to assist those who could be victimized whenever possible.

DATED: JANUARY 17, 2025



**KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
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