

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1924, as America dealt with a diphtheria outbreak that claimed hundreds of thousands of lives, governments across the United States were beginning to forge a role in helping keep citizens healthy, and

WHEREAS, Warren County recognized the need for public health resources, and the Warren County Board of Supervisors appointed Miss Helen Roberts as the county's first public health nurse, Miss Roberts beginning her service to the county on January 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a second public health nurse was appointed later in 1925 to assist the northern part of the county, and a third in 1930, with child health programs developed in the 1930s, and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Warren County Board of Supervisors appointed the county's first Director of Health Services, registered nurse Joan Grishkot, who would hold the position for more than 30 years to transform the department to a modern health agency, and

WHEREAS, Warren County Health Services has had two directors since, registered nurses Patricia Auer (1997-2018) and Ginelle Jones (2018-present), these exemplary leaders operating with the mantra "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can," and

WHEREAS, in the decades that these three remarkable women have overseen the agency, Warren County Health Services has established the goals of preventing epidemics, protecting against environmental hazards, preventing injuries, prompting and encouraging healthy behaviors, responding to disasters, assuring the quality and accessibility of Health Services in the home and community, and

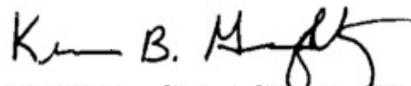
WHEREAS, the department's leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, the worst public health disaster in a century, was unparalleled, and undoubtedly helped save countless local lives as the novel coronavirus claimed at least 1.2 million American lives, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate Warren County Health Services on 100 years of professional and compassionate service to the residents of Warren County, and proclaim October to be

WARREN COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES MONTH

in Warren County, and we ask residents to join us in recognizing the past and present Health Services staff's immeasurable contributions to Warren County.

DATED: OCTOBER 17, 2025



**KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
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