

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lake Luzerne Town Supervisor Gene Merlino's career in public service in Warren County began in 1993, with appointment to the Lake Luzerne Town Planning Board, followed shortly thereafter by an appointment to the Lake Luzerne Town Board, and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Supervisor Merlino won election to his first term as Lake Luzerne Town Supervisor, a position that began a career of tireless service to the residents of Lake Luzerne and Warren County as supervisor for 20 years, and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Supervisor Merlino was available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He quickly identified a need to upgrade Lake Luzerne Town Hall and improve services to seniors in town, leading to his steering of a \$1 million project that constructed a new Lake Luzerne Town Hall/Senior Center on Lake Avenue with no local debt, creating a blueprint for other communities, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Merlino, a U.S. Marine for five years in his 20s, was also credited with improving town roads and bridges, fully equipping the town Department of Public Works and helping the town oversee a bi-county emergency medical services agency that serves residents well in an era of EMS staffing shortages, and

WHEREAS, In addition to his time as the town chief executive officer, Supervisor Merlino and wife Linda operated the iconic Lamplight Inn Bed & Breakfast in Lake Luzerne for decades, serving as ambassadors for the town and region and immersing themselves in the local hospitality community, and

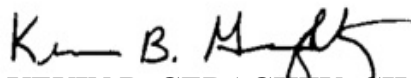
WHEREAS, Supervisor Merlino served as President of the Lake Luzerne Chamber of Commerce, founder of the Adirondaack Bed & Breakfast Association, board member for the South Warren Snowmobile Club and more, and

WHEREAS, His knowledge of the hospitality industry was instrumental in the strengthening of Warren County's tourism economy, as he chaired the Warren County Board of Supervisors Tourism Committee and Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee for years, resulting in a lifetime achievement award from the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce and CVB, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Merlino has long been viewed as a common sense, steady hand, get-things-done leader both on the Warren County Board of Supervisors and Lake Luzerne Town Board, so be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate and thank Supervisor Gene Merlino for his decades of exemplary service, and we ask residents and visitors to join us in wishing him a long, healthy retirement while we offer our gratitude for his decades of hard work on behalf of the Town of Lake Luzerne and Warren County.

DATED: DECEMBER 19, 2025



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