

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the 6th Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees those accused of crimes the right to a speedy and public trial, an impartial jury, to be informed of the accusation they face, to confront witnesses and have the assistance of defense counsel, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a defendant's trial without assistance of an attorney was fundamentally unfair and violated the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, stating, "It is an obvious truth in our adversary system of criminal justice, any person hauled into court, who is too poor to hire a lawyer, cannot be assured a fair trial unless counsel is provided for him." and

**WHEREAS**, Public Defender's Offices and Assigned Counsel Offices across New York ably provide these constitutionally guaranteed services to those accused of crimes in New York, responding at all hours of the day for arraignments and other court proceedings as needed, and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has dedicated extensive resources to assisting counties with public defense through the Office of Indigent Legal Services, with both funding and legal assistance, and

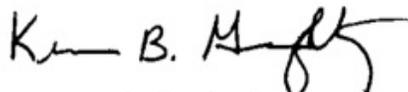
**WHEREAS**, Warren County Public Defender Gregory Canale oversees a Public Defender's Office of 12 attorneys that provides exemplary legal service to the residents of Warren County, as do attorneys with the Assigned Counsel Office, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2026 to be

### ***NATIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS DAY***

in Warren County, and commend our attorneys who continue to fulfill the Constitution to guarantee those accused of crimes their right to counsel.

**DATED: MARCH 20, 2026**



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