

Criminal Justice Committee
District Attorney Office
AGENDA
April 20, 2020

Committee Members: SEEBER, Leggett, Beaty, Diamond, Driscoll, McDevitt and Shepler

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chairman
- II. Motion to approve minutes of prior Committee meeting
- III. Action Agenda/New Business
- IV. Referral/Pending Items
- V. Information for Discussion/Review
 - 1. Request to update the committee on the latest criminal justice reforms and to update the committee on the judicial process during the pandemic.
 - 2. Crime Victims' Rights Proclamation
 - 3. Law Day Proclamation
 - 4. Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

(List here budget reports, annual reports, project reports, business activity, updates, photos of projects, etc. - whatever you normally report on to Committee)
- VI. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee
- VI. Motion to adjourn

Attachments:

- Crime Victims' proclamation
- Law Day proclamation
- Child Abuse Prevention proclamation

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state and federal levels that established essential rights for victims, and

WHEREAS, crime victims' rights acts passed here in New York State and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process, and

WHEREAS, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process - not only victims - are appropriately educated about victims' rights, and

WHEREAS, supporting victims of crime is crucial to the United States justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals, and

WHEREAS, we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives, and

WHEREAS, advocacy by and for victims of crime is itself a form of seeking justice, no less than justice sought in courts, and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement - achieved through compassion and collaboration, and built on the courageous advocacy of individual victims and their families across the country - inspire in us hope for future progress and greater healing, and

WHEREAS, we are determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future, and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime, and

WHEREAS, Warren County is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Warren County does hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2020, as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

and reaffirms Warren County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year, and expresses our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice and peace.

DATED: MARCH 20, 2020


FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States is commemorating the centennial of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex”, and

WHEREAS, the text that would become the 19th Amendment in 1920 was first proposed in Congress in 1878, and

WHEREAS, many States granted women the right to vote in advance of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, including the State of Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon, Montana, Arizona, Kansas, Alaska, Illinois, North Dakota, Indiana, Nebraska, Michigan, Arkansas, New York, South Dakota and Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan were the first States to ratify the 19th Amendment, all on June 10, 1919, six days after it was approved by Congress, and Tennessee was the 36th State to ratify the 19th Amendment, the number then required to incorporate it into the United States Constitution and make it the law of the land, and

WHEREAS, although formal voting rights could no longer be denied because of race or sex after ratification of the 15th and 19th Amendments, many voters still faced ballot restrictions, including registration rules, literacy tests, poll taxes, and moral and residency requirements, and

WHEREAS, there were 81.3 million women registered to vote in the United States as of 2018, comprising 53% of the electorate, and

WHEREAS, American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action, and the women’s suffrage movement forever changed America, expanding representative democracy and inspiring other popular movements for constitutional change and reform, and

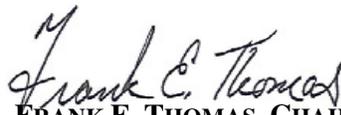
WHEREAS, the 2020 Law Day theme is “Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100”, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Frank E. Thomas, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2020 as

“LAW DAY IN WARREN COUNTY”

and urge everyone to observe this day by learning about the 19th Amendment and its legacies, displaying the New York State flag in observance.

DATED: APRIL 17, 2020


FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, all of New York's children are entitled to be loved, cared for, and safeguarded from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, exploitation and neglect, and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community, involving partnerships, among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community, and

WHEREAS, home visiting programs, such as Healthy Families New York, help strengthen families by providing parents with skills and reducing stress, which can lead to child abuse; New York is demonstrating positive leadership in preventing child abuse through such evidence-based services, and

WHEREAS, an informed family is an effective defense in preventing child abuse and neglect, and New York has increased its efforts to raise awareness and to prevent abuse-related head trauma known as *Shaken Baby Syndrome*, and to promote safe sleeping environments through early education programs in hospitals, birthing centers, pediatricians' offices and local departments of Social Services, and

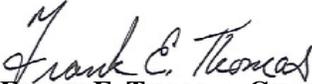
WHEREAS, all New Yorkers share a responsibility in preventing child abuse through diligent reporting of suspected child abuse or maltreatment to the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment, the state's child abuse hotline service that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 1-800-342-3720, and

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is observed during the month of April, directing attention and support to programs which promote the safety and security of children, families and communities; all New Yorkers join in this effort to make the safety, welfare, and well-being of precious children among the highest of our priorities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Frank E. Thomas, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN WARREN COUNTY”

DATED: APRIL 17, 2020


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