

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, healthy individuals and healthy communities are essential elements of any strong and vibrant society; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders and mental health problems affect people of all ages, backgrounds, and at all stages of life; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General's report on mental health made a clear connection between mental and physical health and stressed the fundamental importance of mental health to overall health and well being; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has found that mental illnesses rank first in terms of causing disability in the United States and, collectively, are the most prevalent health problem in America today - more common than cancer, lung and heart disease combined; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders such as schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders are real, common and treatable illnesses; and

WHEREAS, one in ten children has a serious mental health disorder that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance abuse and even suicide; and

WHEREAS, early detection, diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems greatly increases the likelihood of restored health; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Warren County Community Services Board and the staff of the Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties, together with their numerous community partners are actively working to dispel the fears, myths, stigma and misunderstandings commonly associated with mental illness, and to increase access to quality local treatment and support services;

WHEREAS, Warren County, New York has made a strong commitment to quality community-based systems of mental health care for all residents; and

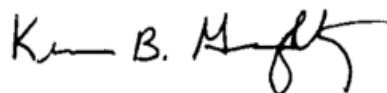
WHEREAS, the National Mental Health Association, and their national partners observe National Mental Health Month each May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014 as

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

in Warren County and call upon all Warren County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.

DATED: May 16, 2014



**Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman
Warren County Board of Supervisors**