

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month - a time to draw attention to the widespread issue of sexual violence and the importance of enhancing public understanding of sexual violence by amplifying the voices of survivors and empowering communities to work together in promoting the safety and well-being of others, and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, abuse and assault are widespread problems which occur across the lifespan, from children to teens, adults, and seniors - in the United States alone, nearly one in four women have experienced rape or attempted rape some time in their lives and 42% of men reported some form of sexual harassment and/or assault in their lifetime, while 32.9% of adults with intellectual disabilities have reportedly experienced a form of sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, most survivors knew the person who sexually abused them; people who commit sexual abuse can be family members, friends, romantic partners, or other trusted individuals, which can further complicate the trauma experienced by the victim, and

WHEREAS, it doesn't matter what someone is wearing, how they are acting, if they are drinking or what type of relationship they had with the person who abused them, everyone deserves autonomy, dignity, respect and safety, and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 25th anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the theme of this year's campaign is "Looking Back, Moving Forward," highlighting the power of working together to change these sexual abuse statistics and create safer, more respectful environments for all, and

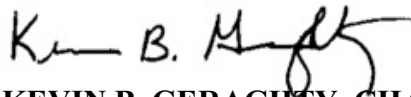
WHEREAS, sexual violence thrives when it is not taken seriously and victim blaming goes unchecked; we can support survivors by making these individuals feel seen and supported, and by helping to shift the attitudes and beliefs of others, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026, to be

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS 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 prevention of sexual harassment, abuse and assault, in both our communities.

DATED: APRIL 17, 2026



**KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
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