

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New York State is rich and varied in its lands and waters and species of plants, trees, and wildlife that inhabit them that enhance our State's air and water quality, contribute to the overall environmental balance, support a robust agricultural industry, beautify recreational destinations and wildlife habitats, and add to property values and local economies; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Warren County are pleased to support initiatives through which we can illustrate our ongoing commitment to these precious resources and those cherished lands and waters which reflect our noble heritage and whose presence has a meaningful impact upon the lives of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, the quality of those lands and waters are put at risk by invasive species which have been introduced to New York State and spread, harming the environment, the economy, and even human health; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and understanding about the need to stop the introduction and spread of invasive species will benefit New York State and the Nation by encouraging a cooperative spirit and environmental stewardship throughout New York State and among its partners to reduce the specific risk of invasive species to the State's natural resources, economy, and human health; efforts are being undertaken in this State, in partnership with private and nonprofit organizations, universities, and local, State and Federal agencies, to help protect the State's lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers share a concern for the safety and well-being of our environment and economic prosperity, and all citizens and visitors alike are encouraged to increase their knowledge, understanding, and awareness of invasive species and their damaging environmental, societal, and economic impact on New York State and the entire Nation; and

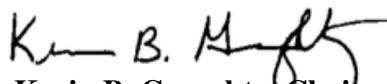
WHEREAS, summer marks the high season of tourism, boating, camping and agricultural productivity in New York State and Invasive Species Awareness Week provides an opportunity for all to express support for the goals of this observance and to extend appreciation to the agencies, businesses, environmental groups, academic institutions, community organizations, and volunteers that are taking action against the spread of invasive species; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in coordination with other counties and regions of the State, Warren County hereby designates the week of July 6-12, 2014 as

NEW YORK STATE INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK

in Warren County.

Dated: June 20, 2014



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