

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year and each year crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers;

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

WHEREAS, the nation heeded this call to action and promoted victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support; and

WHEREAS, today thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, now is the time to embrace new solutions that involve partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims' needs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice through the Vision 21 initiative, calls for a renewed commitment to serving all victims of crime in the 21st Century;

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21 - 27, 2013, provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;

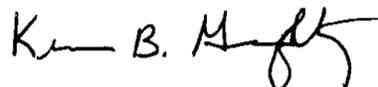
WHEREAS, Warren County is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout Warren County and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Warren County hereby proclaims the week of April 21-27, 2013, as

"NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"

and reaffirms the commitment of Warren County to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs throughout the year; and express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

Dated: April 19, 2013



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