

Warren County Board of Supervisors

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

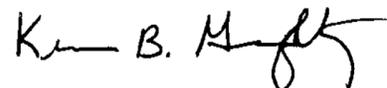
WHEREAS, all New Yorkers share a responsibility in preventing child abuse through diligent reporting of suspected child abuse or maltreatment to the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment, the state's child abuse hotline service that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week 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 Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN WARREN COUNTY"

DATED: April 19, 2013



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