

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Americans are the victims of more than 26 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, deaf and hard of hearing victims, LGBTQ victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, victims with limited English proficiency, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, involving survivors helps victim service providers and criminal justice professionals understand the culture, values, and expectations of under- and unserved victims who seek assistance and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, with the full weight of their community and victim service providers behind them, survivors will feel empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and shame, without fear of judgment and will feel understood and worthy of support; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19-25, 2015, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime—even those who are challenging to reach or serve—are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

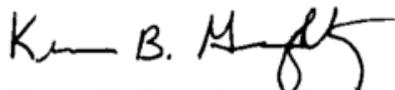
**WHEREAS**, Warren County is hereby dedicated to building partnerships with trusted sources of support, including community leaders, religious groups, schools, and other agencies to better reach and serve all victims of crime, no matter their community; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Warren County does hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2015, as

### ***NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK***

and reaffirms Warren County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.

**Dated: April 17, 2015**



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