

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 257 OF 2019

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### **ADOPTING THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE ON BEHALF OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren (hereinafter “the County”) recognizes that the health of our environmental resources is essential to generating tourism and fueling our local economy, and

WHEREAS, the County believes that climate change is an important consideration in planning efforts geared toward protecting our environment, and

WHEREAS, climate change has the potential to affect our infrastructure, agricultural enterprises, efforts to combat invasive species, drinking water supplies, recreational opportunities, and ecological communities including native fish and wildlife populations, and

WHEREAS, we believe that responses to climate change, especially promotion of clean energy, often dovetails with other important priorities including promoting efficiency, saving money, building energy secure communities, energy sector job creation and building resilient infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, we believe that pursuing the above priorities will require sustained and substantial efforts, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors, in working to advance these objectives, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) Build a climate-smart community;
- 2) Inventory emission, set goals, and plan for climate action;
- 3) Decrease energy use;
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy;
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management;
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use;
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change;
- 8) Support a green innovation economy;
- 9) Inform and inspire the public;
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.