



PROCLAMATION

Mental Health Awareness Month

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of **Warren County, Pennsylvania**, we are pleased to join **Forest Warren Human Services and Forest Warren Mental Wellness Association** in promoting May 2021, as Mental Health Awareness Month in **Warren County**; and,

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being. All Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; 1 in 5 American adults will experience a mental health issue this year; and

WHEREAS, promoting the awareness month provides individuals in the mental health community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available; and,

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the impact of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges to protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can and do recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the effects of mental health issues and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts to reduce the impact of mental health issues.

THEREFORE, We the Commissioners of Warren County do hereby proclaim May 2021 as Mental Health Month in WARREN COUNTY. We also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in WARREN COUNTY to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

ADOPTED, this 28th day of April, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY

Benjamin Kafferlin
Chair

Tricia D. Durbin
Vice Chair

Attest:

Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk

Jeff Eggleston
Commissioner