Marren County Board of Superdisors Froclamation

WHEREAS, Warren County residents demonstrate their commitment to one another in the most difficult of circumstances through organ, tissue, stem cell, and blood donation; and

WHEREAS, during National Donate Life Month, we honor donors who provide others with a second chance for a healthy life and encourage more New Yorkers to share this precious gift; and

WHEREAS, over 117,000 Americans await donation on the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network waiting list, of which 10,000 New York State residents are among them; and

WHEREAS, many will receive a lifesaving transplant, but, for some, help will not come fast enough. Whether they are coping with kidney failure or recovering from severe injuries, these individuals' lives depend on the compassion of a loved one or a complete stranger; and

WHEREAS, across our state, we face a shortage of donors and an urgent need for help; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is responding with the spirit of generosity that has always defined the character of New Yorkers to continuously answer the call for help; and

WHEREAS, together, we can save lives and give hope to countless American families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2013 as:

"DONATE LIFE MONTH"

in Warren County, and call upon health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations to join forces to boost the number of organ, tissue, blood, and stem cell donors throughout our Nation.

DATED: <u>April 19, 2013</u>

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Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman Warren County Board of Supervisors