

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the third leading cause of death in the United States and is the only one of the top five causes of death whose prevalence and death rate is rising; and

**WHEREAS**, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is a chronic and progressive disease that affects over twenty four million individuals in the United States, half of whom have not been properly diagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, a diagnostic test for COPD, known as spirometry is available for office use, allowing early diagnosis of COPD, yet many patients suffering with COPD are not diagnosed until the disease has reached an advanced stage; and

**WHEREAS**, the major risk factor for COPD is smoking; other risk factors include environmental exposure to air pollution, industrial irritants and burned biomass fuels, and COPD can also result from genetic conditions, such as Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, and

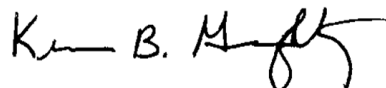
**WHEREAS**, COPD is considered to be the second leading cause of disability in the nation and the annual cost to the nation in 2010 was estimated to be \$49.9 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness, early detection and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing the progression of lung disease and can lead to reduced costs and better quality of life for our residents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

### ***COPD AWARENESS MONTH IN WARREN COUNTY***

**DATED: September 20, 2013**



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