## Warren County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, it is incumbent upon this body to remember those individuals whose sacrifice in the service of their Country enable Americans to enjoy the freedom they so celebrate and cherish; and

*WHEREAS*, on August 7, 1782, at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York Commander in Chief General George Washington established the "Badge for Military Merit", the precursor to the modern day Purple Heart, for singular meritorious action and it is the oldest military decoration in use today; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces who was wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

*WHEREAS*, the people of Warren County have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

*WHEREAS*, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Warren County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded or killed while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service;

WHEREAS, Tuesday, August 12, 2014 has been officially designated as the day for Warren County to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Warren County as a Purple Heart County, honoring the service and sacrifice of our Nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

Dated: August 12, 2014

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Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman Warren County Board of Supervisors