

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 50 year anniversary of the incorporation of the Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA); and

WHEREAS, RPEA is the only organization whose sole purpose is to protect and promote the benefits of retired public employees; and

WHEREAS, RPEA has a record of advocacy success throughout its years, including: enacting a permanent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA); protecting health insurance benefits available to retirees; protecting the assets of the Retirement Fund from being diverted for budget balancing or other purposes; and most recently, defeating the 2017 ballot proposal to convene a constitutional convention; and

WHEREAS, there are 470,000 state and local retirees and beneficiaries in the New York State Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80% of those retirees still reside in New York State, including 3,001 in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, those retirees are responsible for \$12 billion in economic activity statewide, thereby creating 73,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, public sector retirees help create the strong social fabric of communities, and also pay \$2 billion in real property taxes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the 50 years of service provided by the Retired Public Employees Association in support of retired public employees, and does congratulate the organization on the successful endeavors achieved on behalf of its members.

DATED: JULY 19, 2019



**RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**