

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION No. 338 OF 2020

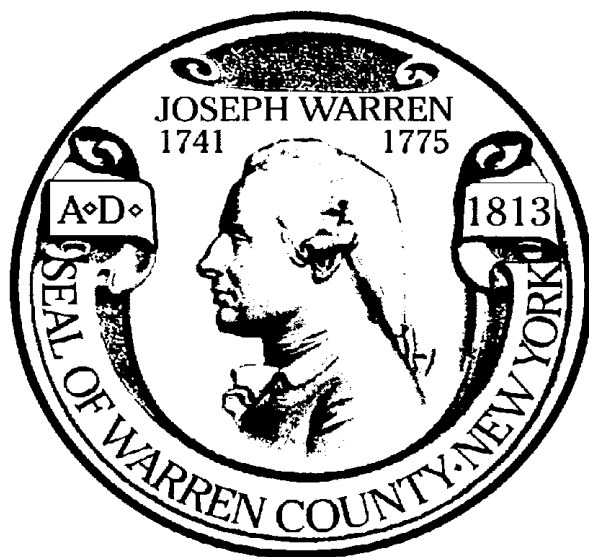
**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS SIMPSON, GERAGHTY, FRASIER, BRAYMER, CONOVER, MAGOWAN, McDEVITT, MERLINO AND WILD**

**APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT WHICH REPLACES THE WARREN COUNTY PLAN AND PROGRAM ON WORKPLACE HARASSMENT**

WHEREAS, a Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment for Warren County has been developed which Policy includes updated New York State mandates including the definition of workplace harassment, the prohibition of workplace harassment and a process for reporting and investigating workplace harassment complaints, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment will replace the Warren County Policy against Discrimination and Harassment previously approved by Resolution No. 76 of 2019, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Warren County Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment as attached hereto to be effective September 18, 2020.



**WARREN COUNTY**

**POLICY AGAINST**

**DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT**

Adopted by Resolution # \_\_\_\_ of 2020

## WARREN COUNTY POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT

### SECTION 1: PURPOSE

Warren County believes in the dignity of the individual and recognizes the rights of all people to equal employment opportunities in the workplace. In this regard, Warren County, (hereinafter “County”), is committed to a policy of protecting and safeguarding the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain and hold employment without being subject to harassment or discrimination in the workplace. It is our County’s policy to provide an employment environment free from harassment for any reason and discrimination based on race, color, gender, religion, religious creed, sex, familial or marital status, age, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, genetic information/predisposition or carrier status, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, self-identified or perceived sex, gender expression, gender identity and the status of being transgender, pregnancy (including childbirth and related medical conditions, and including medical conditions related to lactation), citizenship, domestic violence victim status or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state or local law.

A. **Scope of Policy** This Policy applies to all County employees and all personnel in a contractual or other business relationship with the County including, for example, applicants, temporary or leased employees, interns (whether paid or unpaid), independent contractors, vendors, consultants, volunteers or visitors. In the remainder of this Policy, the term “employees” refers to this collective group. This Policy applies with equal force on County property as well as at County-sponsored events, programs, and activities that take place off County premises.

B. **Policy Objectives** By adopting and publishing this Policy, it is the intention of the County’s governing body to:

- (1) Notify employees about the types of conduct that constitute harassment and discrimination prohibited by this Policy;
- (2) Inform employees about the complaint procedures that enable any employee who believes they are the victim of harassment or discrimination to submit a complaint which will be investigated;
- (3) Clearly advise all supervisory staff, managers, and employees that harassment and discrimination is strictly prohibited; and
- (4) Notify all employees that the County has appointed Compliance Officers who are specifically designated to receive complaints and ensure compliance with this Policy.

NOTE: The names and office location of each Compliance Officer designated to receive and investigate complaints are listed below in Section 11 of this Policy. Any change in the designated Compliance Officers shall be distributed in writing to all current employees and shall be posted.

## **SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS**

### **“Prohibited Discrimination of Employees”**

Prohibited discrimination of employees can take the form of any adverse employment action against an employee, by either a County employee or official or a third party engaged in activities sponsored by the County which is based upon the employee’s protected characteristic. Prohibited discrimination of employees also includes harassment even where there is no tangible impact upon the employee’s employment opportunities and/or employment benefits. The phrase “prohibited discrimination” as used in this Policy includes all forms of prohibited discrimination and harassment based on a protected characteristic, including “Sexual Harassment” as defined below.

### **“Harassment”**

Harassment is strictly prohibited and includes, but is not limited to, conduct that is unwelcome and has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person’s work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment. In this regard, individuals subject to this Policy should be mindful that conduct or behavior that is acceptable, amusing or inoffensive to some individuals may be viewed as unwelcome, abusive or offensive to others.

### **“Sexual Harassment”**

Sexual harassment is strictly prohibited. It is a form of sex discrimination and is unlawful under federal, and state law. Sexual harassment includes harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, self-identified or perceived sex, gender expression, gender identity and the status of being transgender.

Sexual harassment includes unwelcome conduct which is either of a sexual nature, or which is directed at an individual because of that individual’s sex when:

- (1) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment;
- (2) Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual (e.g., promotion, transfer, demotion, termination); or
- (3) Such gender-based conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment, even if the reporting individual is not the intended target of the sexual harassment.

This includes offensive comments, jokes, innuendoes or other statements of a sexual or gender-based nature as well as favoritism between a supervisor and subordinate based on an intimate/sexual relationship or desire for the same.

### **Who can be the target of sexual harassment?**

Sexual harassment can occur between any individuals, regardless of their sex or gender. New York Law protects employees, paid or unpaid interns, and non-employees, including independent contractors, and those employed by companies contracting to provide services in the workplace. Harassers can be a superior, a subordinate, a coworker or anyone in the workplace including an independent contractor, contract worker, vendor, client, customer or visitor.

**Where can sexual harassment occur?**

Unlawful sexual harassment is not limited to the physical workplace itself. It can occur while employees are traveling for business or at employer sponsored events or parties. Calls, texts, emails, and social media usage by employees can constitute unlawful workplace harassment even if they occur away from the workplace premises, on personal devices or during non-work hours.

**“Prohibited Behavior and Examples of Harassment, including Sexual Harassment”**

Specific forms of behavior the County considers harassment or sexual harassment are set forth below. Every conceivable example cannot be spelled out, and therefore the descriptions below should not be interpreted in any way as being all-inclusive.

- **Verbal:** Abusive verbal language including jokes, comments, teasing or threats related to an employee’s protected characteristic, sexual activity and/or body parts whether or not said in that person’s presence including, but not limited to: sexual innuendos; slurs; suggestive, derogatory, or insulting comments or sounds; whistling; jokes; propositions; threats; comments on a person’s appearance that make the person feel uncomfortable; sex stereotyping, continuing to ask someone for dates or to meet after work after the person has made it clear that he or she does not want to go; comments about an employee’s anatomy or protected characteristic that are unwelcome, unreasonably interfere with an employee’s work performance, or create an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment; or unwelcome advances or demands based on someone’s protected characteristic.
- **Nonverbal:** Abusive written language showing or displaying pornographic or sexually explicit objects or pictures; graphic commentaries; derogatory cartoons or caricatures; obscene gestures; staring at a person’s body in a sexually suggestive manner; gestures or motions; sending material through the County e-mail system or other electronic communication devices (e.g. voice mail) or using the County’s mail, computers or cell phones to view material that is demeaning or derogatory.
- **Physical:** Unwelcome physical conduct, including but not limited to hitting, pushing, shoving, slapping, petting, pinching, grabbing, holding, hugging, kissing, tickling, massaging, displaying private body parts, coerced sexual intercourse, rape or assault or attempts to commit these assaults, persistent brushing up against a person’s body, unnecessary touching and flashing or other unwelcome physical conduct.
- **Other:** Hostile actions taken against an individual such as: interfering with, destroying or damaging a person’s workstation, tools, or equipment, or otherwise interfering with the individual’s ability to

perform the job; sabotaging an individual's work; bullying; yelling; or name-calling.

Any employee who feels discriminated against or harassed should report that conduct so that any violation of this Policy can be corrected promptly. Any harassing conduct, even if a single incident, can be addressed under this Policy.

### **SECTION 3: POLICY**

The County prohibits harassment and discrimination for any reason and will not tolerate any form of unlawful discrimination or harassment. The County will take all steps necessary to prevent and stop the occurrence of unlawful discrimination and/or harassment, including sexual harassment, in the workplace.

All employees, including but not limited to, County officials and supervisory personnel, are responsible for ensuring a work environment free from harassment and discrimination. All employees will be held responsible and accountable for avoiding or eliminating inappropriate conduct that may give rise to a claim of harassment or discrimination. Employees are encouraged to report violations to a supervisor, manager, or one of the Compliance Officers listed in *Section 11* of this Policy in accordance with the Complaint Procedure set forth in this Policy. Officials, managers and supervisors must take immediate and appropriate corrective action when suspected instances of harassment and/or discrimination come to their attention to assure compliance with this Policy as well as report the suspected misconduct to the Municipality's designated Compliance Officers. Furthermore, if any employee believes that any member of management has violated this policy or has not properly responded to and/or handled a report or concerns about discrimination or harassment, the employee should immediately contact one of the designated Compliance Officers.

Each employee is assured pursuant to *Section 6* of this Policy, that retaliation against an individual who makes a complaint or report under this Policy is absolutely prohibited and constitutes, in and of itself, a violation of this Policy. Employees who engage in retaliation against any employee for making a good faith complaint of harassment or discrimination, or for opposing in good faith any practices forbidden by applicable anti-discrimination laws or otherwise participating in any manner in an internal workplace investigation or an external investigation, proceeding or hearing conducted by any federal or state agency charged with enforcing employment discrimination laws, shall be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment. Any employee who believes he/she has been retaliated against in violation of this policy should report violations to one of the Compliance Officers listed in *Section 11* of this Policy in accordance with the Complaint Procedure set forth in this Policy.

Any questions regarding the scope or application of this Policy should be directed to one of the Compliance Officers listed in *Section 11* of this Policy.

### **SECTION 4: POLICY ENFORCEMENT**

#### **A. Complaint Procedure for Employees**

##### **1. Notification Procedure**

Prompt reporting of complaints or concerns is encouraged so that timely and constructive action can be taken before relationships become strained. Reporting of all perceived incidents of prohibited discrimination and/or harassment is encouraged and essential, regardless of the offender's identity or position. An employee or other individual who feels aggrieved because of harassment or discrimination should contact his or her supervisor, Department Head or a Compliance Officer. Likewise, anyone who witnesses or becomes aware of instances of harassment or discrimination should report such behavior to his or her supervisor, Department Head or a Compliance Officer.

**2. Making a Complaint**

Complaints are accepted verbally and in writing. All employees are encouraged to use the County's "Complaint of Alleged Discrimination" form. A copy of this form is attached to this Policy. Additional complaint forms can be obtained from a Compliance Officer, with no questions asked, or from the Human Resources section of the Warren County website. Because an accurate record is necessary to resolve a complaint, the County encourages employees to place complaints in writing, even if originally made verbally. If an employee has any questions or difficulty filling out the complaint form, she/he can obtain assistance from any of the Compliance Officers or the supervisor to which he/she complained. All complaints should include: the name of the reporting party, the name of the alleged offender(s), date(s) of the incident(s), description of the incident(s), names of witnesses to the incident(s) and the signature of the reporting party.

Once the reporting party has completed and dated a complaint, the written complaint, or verbal complaint as the case may be, should be promptly forwarded to one of the County's Compliance Officers.

Reporters are expected to cooperate with the County's investigation procedures by providing all relevant information relating to the complaint, as are all other employees having relevant or related knowledge or information.

**3. Supervisory Responsibilities**

All supervisors and Department Heads who receive a complaint or information about suspected harassment or discrimination, observe what may be harassing behavior, or have any reason to suspect that harassment is occurring, are required to report such suspected harassment or discrimination to one of the Compliance Officers.

In addition to being subject to discipline if they engaged in harassing conduct themselves, supervisors and managers will be subject to discipline for failing to report suspected harassment or otherwise knowingly allowing harassment to continue.

Supervisors and managers will also be subjected to discipline for engaging in any retaliation.

**B. Time for Reporting a Complaint**

Prompt reporting of all complaints is strongly encouraged. All employees should be aware that appropriate resolution of complaints and effective remedial action is only possible when complaints are promptly filed.

**C. Confidentiality and Privacy**

The County shall keep complaints as confidential as is consistent with a thorough investigation, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and other laws and regulations regarding employees. To the extent complaints made under this Policy implicate criminal conduct, the County may be required by law to contact and cooperate with the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**D. Acknowledgement of Complaint**

Upon receipt of a verbal or written complaint, the Compliance Officer should contact the reporter

to confirm that the complaint has been received. If the reporter does not receive such confirmation promptly, she/he is encouraged to contact a Compliance Officer or his/her supervisor or the supervisor to whom the complaint was made to ensure its receipt. The purpose of this acknowledgment procedure is to ensure that all complaints are received by authorized individuals, carefully processed and promptly investigated.

**SECTION 5: INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

**A. Timing of Investigations**

The County will promptly investigate all allegations of discrimination and harassment prohibited by this Policy. The length of the investigation will depend upon the complexity and particular circumstances of each complaint.

**B. Method of Investigation**

Investigations will be conducted by Compliance Officers, County's legal counsel, and/or other impartial persons designated by the Compliance Officers. The primary purposes of all investigations under this Policy will be to determine:

- Did the conduct complained of occur;
- Did the conduct complained of violate this Policy; and
- What remedial measures or preventative steps, if any, shall be taken.

Investigations will necessarily vary from case to case and may typically include the following: fact-finding interviews, including of the accuser and the accused; document request, review and preservation; depositions; and observations or other reasonable methods. Investigators should pursue reasonable steps to investigate each complaint in a thorough and comprehensive manner. Any notes, memoranda, or other records created while conducting an investigation under this Policy shall be deemed confidential and privileged to the extent allowed by law.

Investigators will create a written documentation of the investigation (such as a letter, memo or email), which contains the following:

- A list of all documents reviewed, along with a detailed summary of relevant documents;
- A list of names of those interviewed, along with a detailed summary of their statements;
- A timeline of events;
- A summary of prior relevant incidents, reported or unreported; and
- The basis for the decision and final resolution of the complaint, together with any remedial actions.

**C. Notification to Reporting Party, the Accused Party, and the Personnel Committee**



The results of the investigation shall be communicated in writing to both the person filing the complaint and the accused party. **Findings of wrongdoing resulting from such investigation will be reported to the Personnel Committee in executive session within sixty (60) days, provided no delay to allow for law enforcement investigation is necessary.**

**D. Remedial Measures**

This Policy is intended to prevent all forms of unlawful discrimination and harassment and put an end to any prohibited discrimination or harassment that is found to have occurred. While disciplinary action may be appropriate in certain instances, punitive measures are not the exclusive means for responding to prohibited discrimination or harassment. During any investigation being conducted pursuant to this Policy, remedial measures may be taken if appropriate and necessary.

Any individual who is found to have engaged in prohibited discrimination or harassment or conduct which may be prohibited by this Policy may receive education, training, counseling, warnings, discipline, or other measures designed to prevent future violations of this Policy. Disciplinary action may include: warnings, suspension, or discharge from employment or such disciplinary action as may be permitted by applicable collective bargaining agreements and law. Any third part found to have engaged in discrimination or harassment of an employee may be barred from County property.

**SECTION 6: PROHIBITION AGAINST RETALIATION AND ABUSE OF THE POLICY**

Unlawful retaliation can be any action that could discourage an employee from coming forward to make a complaint or support a discrimination or harassment claim. Adverse action need not be job-related or occur in the workplace to constitute retaliation (e.g., threats of physical violence outside of work hours).

Retaliation against anyone for making a good faith complaint of harassment or discrimination, for opposing in good faith any practices forbidden by applicable anti-discrimination laws or for filing a good faith complaint with, or otherwise participating in any manner in an internal workplace investigation or an external investigation, proceeding or hearing conducted by any federal or state agency charged with enforcing employment discrimination laws is strictly prohibited by this Policy and by law.

Even if the alleged harassment or discrimination turns out to be unfounded, the individual is protected from retaliation if he/she had a good faith belief that the practices were in violation of this policy. However, the retaliation provision is not intended to protect persons making intentionally false charges of harassment or discrimination.

Complaints of retaliation should be brought directly to a Compliance Officer. Such complaints will be promptly investigated. If retaliation is found, the person retaliating will be subject to corrective action up to and including termination from employment, or in the case of a non-employee, an appropriate remedy up to and including termination of the business relationship.

**SECTION 7: APPEALS**

Any complainant or accused party who wishes to appeal the conclusion which the County reached in investigating a complaint filed under this Policy, may do so within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the notification of the investigation outcome. Untimely submissions may not receive consideration. Such appeals

must be made in writing to the Chair of the Personnel Committee. The appealing party shall be entitled to present evidence in writing as to why the conclusion was flawed, improper, or otherwise not supported by the evidence. The Personnel Committee's consideration and review of any such appeal shall be conducted confidentially in executive session. Following a review of that evidence, as well as the information obtained in the investigation process and conclusions derived therefrom, the Personnel Committee, or its designee, shall render a decision. That decision shall be final. The appealing party shall be notified of the decision in writing.

Nothing set forth in the Appeal Process above shall be construed to, in any way, confer upon either the complainant(s) or the person(s) accused of violating this Policy any right to appeal the Municipality's determination as to appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective action to be taken on meritorious complaints. In this regard, the Municipality at all times retains sole discretion to determine the appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective action to be taken with regard to a meritorious complaint.

#### **SECTION 8: RECORD KEEPING**

The County shall maintain a written record of all complaints of discrimination and/or harassment for a period of at least six years. The County shall also document the steps taken with regard to investigations, as well as conclusions reached and remedial action taken, if any. The County shall also maintain these documents for, at a minimum, six years.

The Municipality's records regarding alleged discrimination and harassment shall be maintained separate and apart from personnel records in a secure and confidential location.

#### **SECTION 9: LEGAL PROTECTIONS AND EXTERNAL REMEDIES**

Discrimination and harassment based on protected characteristics, including sexual harassment, are not only prohibited by the Municipality but are also prohibited by state, and federal law.

Aside from the internal process at the Municipality, employees may also choose to pursue legal remedies with the governmental entities referenced in the following laws.

In addition to those outlined below, employees in certain industries may have additional legal protections.

##### **State Human Rights Law (HRL)**

The Human Rights Law (HRL), codified as N.Y. Executive Law, art. 15, § 290 et seq., applies to all employers in New York State with regard to sexual harassment and harassment based on other protected characteristics set forth in this Policy, and protects employees, paid or unpaid interns and non-employees, regardless of immigration status. A complaint alleging violation of the Human Rights Law may be filed either with the Division of Human Rights (DHR) or in New York State Supreme Court.

Complaints with DHR may be filed any time **within one year** of the harassment. If an individual did not file at DHR, they can sue directly in state court under the HRL, **within three years** of the alleged harassment, including sexual harassment. An individual may not file with DHR if they have already filed a HRL complaint in state court.

Complaining internally to the Municipality does not extend your time to file with DHR or in court. The one year or three years is counted from the date of the most recent incident of harassment.

You do not need an attorney to file a complaint with DHR, and there is no cost to file with DHR.

DHR will investigate your complaint and determine whether there is probable cause to believe that sexual or other illegal harassment has occurred. Probable cause cases are forwarded to a public hearing before an administrative law judge. If sexual or other illegal harassment is found after a hearing, DHR has the power to award relief, which varies but may include requiring your employer to take action to stop the harassment, or redress the damage caused, including paying of monetary damages, attorney's fees (in sex discrimination and sexual harassment cases only) and civil fines.

DHR's main office contact information is: NYS Division of Human Rights, One Fordham Plaza, Fourth Floor, Bronx, New York 10458. You may call (718) 741-8400 or visit: [www.dhr.ny.gov](http://www.dhr.ny.gov).

Contact DHR at (888) 392-3644 or visit [dhr.ny.gov/complaint](http://dhr.ny.gov/complaint) for more information about filing a complaint. The website has a complaint form that can be downloaded, filled out, notarized and mailed to DHR. The website also contains contact information for DHR's regional offices across New York State.

### **Civil Rights Act of 1964**

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act (codified as 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq.). An individual can file a complaint with the EEOC anytime within 300 days from the discrimination or harassment. There is no cost to file a complaint with the EEOC. The EEOC will investigate the complaint, and determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred, at which point the EEOC will issue a Right to Sue letter permitting the individual to file a complaint in federal court.

The EEOC does not hold hearings or award relief, but may take other action including pursuing cases in federal court on behalf of complaining parties. Federal courts may award remedies if discrimination is found to have occurred. In general, employers must have at least 15 employees to come within the jurisdiction of the EEOC.

An employee alleging discrimination at work can file a "Charge of Discrimination." The EEOC has district, area, and field offices where complaints can be filed. Contact the EEOC by calling 1-800-669-4000 (TTY: 1-800-669-6820), visiting their website at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov) or via email at [info@eeoc.gov](mailto:info@eeoc.gov).

If an individual filed an administrative complaint with DHR, DHR will file the complaint with the EEOC to preserve the right to proceed in federal court.

### **Local Protections**

Many localities enforce laws protecting individuals from sexual harassment and discrimination. An individual should contact the county, city or town in which they live to find out if such a law exists. For example, employees who work in New York City may file complaints of sexual harassment with the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Contact their main office at Law Enforcement Bureau of the NYC Commission on Human Rights, 40 Rector Street, 10th Floor, New York, New York; call 311 or (212) 306-7450; or visit [www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/html/home/home.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/html/home/home.shtml).

**Contact the Local Police Department**

If the harassment involves unwanted physical touching, coerced physical confinement or coerced sex acts, the conduct may constitute a crime. Contact your local police department.

**SECTION 10: QUESTIONS**

Any questions by employees of the Municipality about this Policy or potential harassment or discrimination should be brought to the attention of one of the Compliance Officers. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Compliance Officers are listed in *Section 11* of this Policy.

**SECTION 11: COMPLIANCE OFFICERS**

County Human Resources Director  
518-761-6482  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Municipal Center  
1340 State Route 9, Lake George, NY 12845

County Administrator  
518-761-6539  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Municipal Center  
1340 State Route 9, Lake George, NY 12845

**SECTION 12: EFFECTIVE DATE AND POLICY DISSEMINATION**

The effective date of this Policy shall be February 15, 2019. The County Human Resources Director shall ensure that this Policy is adequately disseminated and made available to all employees of the Municipality. This Policy shall be distributed each year. In addition, copies of this Policy and Complaint Form shall be maintained in the office of each Compliance Officer as well as the Municipality's Policy Book that is available at the office of the Clerk of the Board.

Upon the effective date of this Policy, the provisions of this Policy shall supersede and replace the following prior Municipality policies and regulations regarding employee discrimination and harassment: Warren County Plan and Program on Workplace Harassment adopted by Resolution 304 of 2013.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF WARREN COUNTY'S POLICY AGAINST  
DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT**

Warren County is committed to a policy of protecting and safeguarding the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain and hold employment without being subjected to harassment or discrimination in the workplace. It is the County's policy to provide a workplace environment free from harassment and discriminatory practices.

Warren County has adopted and disseminated a revised Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment. Please sign the attached acknowledgment that you have received a copy of the revised Policy, have reviewed it, and have been afforded an opportunity to ask a Compliance Officer any questions you may have regarding the Policy. Return the signed acknowledgment to Human Resources.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any further questions regarding this Policy, feel free to contact the County Human Resources Director.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF MUNICIPALITY'S POLICY AGAINST  
DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have received the County's Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment. I have reviewed this Policy, and I have had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**COMPLAINT FORM**

*In order to assist us in investigating your allegations of harassment, discrimination or retaliation in a prompt and thorough fashion, please complete this form to the best of your abilities and with as much detail as you are able. Once completed, please submit this form to a Compliance Officer identified in Section 11 of the County Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment. If additional space is needed in order to respond to any question below, please attach additional pages as necessary. Any questions regarding this form may be directed to a Compliance Officer. No individual will be retaliated against for filing a complaint.*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please circle the number you'd prefer us to call)

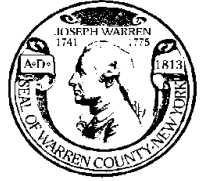
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Victim (if different than Complainant): \_\_\_\_\_

Basis of this complaint (check all that apply):

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| · Age                             | · Pregnancy                |
| · Citizenship                     | · Race/color               |
| · Disability                      | · Religion/Religious creed |
| · Domestic violence victim status | · Sex/gender               |
| · Familial Status                 | · Sexual harassment        |
| · Gender expression               | · Sexual orientation       |
| · Gender identity                 | · Transgender status       |
| · Genetic predisposition          |                            |
| · Marital Status                  | · Retaliation              |
| · Military/veteran status         | · Other/Not Sure           |
| · National Origin                 |                            |

If checked "Other/Not Sure," please briefly explain:



**Warren County Department of Human Resources**

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Time(s) and date(s) the incident(s) took place:

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Name(s) and office address of the individual who allegedly engaged in the harassment, discrimination or retaliation. If more than one, list all.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the incident(s) which occurred with as much detail as you are able, including why you believe the incident(s) constitutes harassment, discrimination or retaliation (please attach any documentation or evidence you believe is relevant to the incident):

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Describe briefly what you would consider to be appropriate resolution of the conduct described above: (Please note that Warren County retains the sole discretion and authority to determine the appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective action to be taken with regard to meritorious complaints. This question should not be construed in any way to constitute a forfeiture of that discretion or authority.)

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Identify all persons who witnessed the incident(s) described above:

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Please identify any other persons you believe have knowledge important to the incident(s) in question, including his/her contact information and a brief description of the knowledge held by each person:

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Have you filed a complaint or charge with a Federal, State, or Local Government agency related to the incident(s) identified above?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Has this incident or occurrence been previously reported? ☐ Y ☐ N. If yes, when and to whom?

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I swear or affirm that I have read the above complaint and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For Employer Use Only – To be Completed Upon Receipt

Recipient of Complaint (print): \_\_\_\_\_

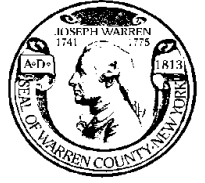
Date, Time and Manner (e.g. personal delivery, mailbox, etc.) Received:

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Notes:





**Warren County Department of Human Resources**

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