

PROCLAMATION

Sunshine Week Open Government Proclamation

WHEREAS, James Madison, the father of our federal Constitution, wrote that “consent of the governed” requires that the people be able to “arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives,” and

WHEREAS, every citizen in our participatory democracy has an inherent right to access to government meetings and public records; and

WHEREAS, an open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people’s trust and confidence in their government and in the government’s ability to effectively serve its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the protection of every person’s right of access to public records and government meetings is a high priority of the Warren County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Commissioners are committed to openness and transparency in all aspects of its operations and seeks to set a standard in this regard; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Warren County regularly schedules programming during Sunshine Week to highlight the rights, benefits, and tools associated with open government, and will do so this year on March 14th at 6:30 pm, with a program entitled “A Bold New Path for News,”

NOW, THEREFORE, the Warren County Commissioners commit during this Sunshine Week, March 10-16, 2024, commemorating the anniversary of James Madison’s birth, and throughout the year to work diligently to enhance the public’s access to government records and information, to increase information provided electronically and online, and to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction, and their committees, are fully noticed and open to the public.

ADOPTED, this 13th day of March 2024.

COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY



Kenneth L. Klakamp
Chair

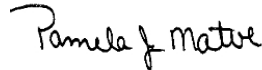


Tricia D. Durbin
Vice Chair



Daniel Glotz
Commissioner

Attest:



Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk

