



## 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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Warren County Commissioners commit during this Sunshine Week, March 12-18, 2023, 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 22<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

### COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY

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Tricia D. Durbin  
Chair

Handwritten signature of Benjamin Kafferlin in black ink.

Benjamin Kafferlin  
Vice Chair

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Pamela J. Matve in black ink.

Pamela J. Matve  
Chief Clerk

Handwritten signature of Jeff Eggleston in black ink.

Jeff Eggleston  
Commissioner

