WHEREAS, In 1986 the State of Indiana established the Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC) to help communities promote flood safety awareness and reduce flood losses through sound watershed management; and

WHEREAS, Wells County has experienced periodic flooding in the past which has damaged and destroyed homes and property; and

WHEREAS, Wells County and the MRBC have taken steps to limit the amount of damage that may result from future flood events such as the Wells County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, the creation of the Wells County Emergency Management Agency and the designation of the Wells County Area Plan Commission as the coordinating agency for flood plain management issues; and

WHEREAS, Wells County residents may contact the Wells County Area Plan Commission, the Wells County Surveyor's Office and the Maumee River Basin commission to find out if their property is in a flood zone and for tips on how to stay safe and reduce property damage during a flood event;

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana, hereby proclaims March 16—22, 2020 as

“Flood Safety Awareness Week”

in Wells County, and encourages all residents to avail themselves of all educational material with regard to the risks of flood and prepare now to protect their families and property.

This proclamation signed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells, Indiana, on the 16th day of March, 2020.

Blake Gerber

Kevin S. Woodward

Tamara Robbins

ATTEST: Lisa McCormick, Auditor of Wells County