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*William Douglas Franklin*  
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**Eddie L. Colbert**  
Director of Service-Safety

July 9, 2026

Eric J. Merkel  
Warren Police Department  
City of Warren, Ohio

Dear Mr. Merkel:

I hereby accept your resignation as Chief of the Warren Police Department under the terms and conditions set forth in your letter dated July 9, 2026.

Your resignation is accepted solely to avoid the potential of costly and lengthy litigation. You are instructed to return all City property in your possession no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 10, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Eddie L. Colbert, Director,  
Public Service and Safety

Cc: Brian M. Massucci  
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