

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: August is National Immunization Awareness Month with immunizations representing one of the greatest public health accomplishments of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS: Vaccines provide parents a safe, proven means to protect their children from serious communicable diseases by following the recommended immunization schedule – giving their child the vaccines they need, when they need them; and

WHEREAS: Child care facilities, preschool programs, schools and colleges are prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases due to poor hand washing, not covering coughs, and other factors such as interacting in crowded environments; and

WHEREAS: When a child becomes sick with a disease such as whooping cough or the flu, they may miss several days of school while recovering and a parent may have to miss work or other important obligations; and

WHEREAS: Vaccines are an important part of a healthy pregnancy and a mother can pass some protection on to her baby. Women should be up to date on their vaccinations before becoming pregnant and should receive vaccines against both flu and whooping cough during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS: All adults should be vaccinated to protect their health. Even healthy adults can become seriously ill and pass diseases on to others. Everyone should have their vaccination needs assessed by their primary care provider; and

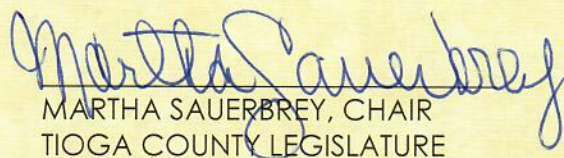
WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health encourages everyone to be immunized; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of August 2019 as:

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

and urges the citizens of our County to educate themselves on the recommended vaccines for themselves and their children to prevent the spread of contagious communicable diseases.

Dated: August 13, 2019


MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

