

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

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

WHEREAS: Vaccines give parents the safe, proven power to protect their children from serious 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 comes down 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 allows the mother to 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 get vaccines to protect their health. Even healthy adults can become seriously ill and pass diseases on to others. Everyone should have their vaccination needs assessed at their primary care provider's office; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of August 2018 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 preventable diseases.

Dated: August 17, 2018

  
MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

