

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing over 140,000 people nationwide and more than 20 citizens of Tioga County each year; and

WHEREAS: Stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 20.5% between 2012 and 2030 and the direct medical costs in the U.S. for treating stroke are expected to increase by 158% from \$71 billion in 2012 to \$183 billion by 2030; and

WHEREAS: Warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

WHEREAS: Americans are more aware of the risk factors and warning signs for stroke than in the past, but according to a recent survey, one-third of adults cannot identify any symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Studies show that the quick actions by EMS professionals are instrumental in saving lives from stroke and producing better outcomes for stroke survivors, but more than a third of stroke patients fail to use EMS; and

WHEREAS: New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but much more research is needed, therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as:

AMERICAN STROKE MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY

and urges all the citizens of our County to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and on the first signs of a stroke dial 9-1-1 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population.

Dated: May 15, 2018


MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

