## COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Cooking and heating are the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries, and the winter months are the peak time for fire-related deaths; and

WHEREAS: Fires are a leading cause of death for children ages one to fourteen, and one death from a preventable fire is one too many; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has 20 active fire departments that protect and serve our community; and

WHEREAS: It is crucial to promote fire prevention methods such as staying alert when cooking, keeping flammable objects away from stoves and heating sources, checking and replacing old or frayed cords, and keeping matches and lighters out of reach of children; and

WHEREAS: Ensuring smoke alarms are properly installed and working are also of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health encourages citizens to develop and practice fire escape plans to protect their loved ones in the event of a house fire; now therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of December 2021 as:

## FIRE PREVENTION MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY

and urges all residents to utilize Tioga County Public Health's Healthy Neighborhoods program for home safety checks and fire prevention education.

Dated: December 14, 2021

MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR

TIOGA COUNTY LÉGISLATURE