COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning is a serious, permanent condition that can lead to lifelong health problems including developmental delays, behavioral issues, and difficulty learning; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoned children have increased medical costs, educational needs and increased risk for criminal behavior as adults; and

WHEREAS: The goal of New York State's Healthy People 2030 is to reduce blood lead levels in children; and

WHEREAS: New York State Public Health Law states that all children must be tested for lead at age one and again at age two to identify lead poisoned children; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health works with medical providers and parents to advocate for child lead testing to reduce the risk of exposure to lead in the home; and

WHEREAS: Between 2020-2023 Tioga County Public Health provided case management and environmental health services to over 50 children with elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning can be prevented by knowing and eliminating all possible sources of lead children may have access to; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the week of October 20 - 26, 2024, as

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

and urges all residents to take steps to educate themselves and their families about the importance of lead poisoning prevention.

DATED: October 15, 2024

MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE