COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States with breast cancer being the most common form of cancer, besides skin cancer, among women; and

WHEREAS: About 245,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women, and 2,200 in men, annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS: About 41,000 women, and 460 men, die from breast cancer each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The rate of Tioga County women diagnosed with breast cancer is 126.6 per 100,000, compared to the New York State rate of 131.3 per 100,000; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health advocates awareness, coupled with education and outreach, which can be utilized to decrease the number of women and men diagnosed with breast cancer, and increase the rate of breast cancer screenings in Tioga County, therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim and designate the month of October 2019 as:

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY

and urges all Tioga County residents, particularly women, to consult with their primary care provider regarding preventative measures such as clinical breast examinations, regular mammograms, and monthly breast self-examinations.

Dated: October 15, 2019

MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE