COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning is a serious, permanent condition that can lead to medical ailments, stunted physical and mental growth, behavioral problems, and developmental delays in children; 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 one- and two-year-olds be tested for lead levels to identify poisoned children; and

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

WHEREAS: Between 2019-2021 Tioga County Public Health provided case management and environmental health services to 30 children with elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning is completely preventable by knowing and eliminating all possible lead sources children may have access to; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the week of October 23-29, 2022 as

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

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

DATED: October 11, 2022

MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE