

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States with lung cancer being the leading cause of cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS: The leading cause of lung cancer in the United States is caused by smoking, which remains the single largest preventable cause of death; and

WHEREAS: Data from the New York State Department of Health in 2021 found 21.5% of adults in Tioga County are currently smokers, which is higher than the New York State and National averages of 12%; and

WHEREAS: Smoking is also a concern for our youth in Tioga County. According to the 2023 Tioga County CLYDE report, 12.3% of students reported smoking cigarettes in their lifetime and 20.6% reported using an e-cigarette in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS: The third Thursday of November is known as the Great American Smokeout to encourage people to start their journey towards a smoke-free life and reducing their risk of cancer by quitting smoking; and

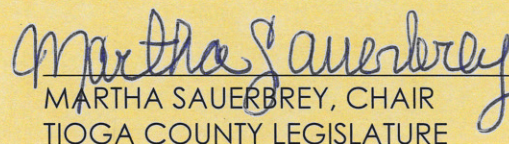
WHEREAS: Continued education and outreach can help decrease the number of youth who are smoking cigarettes, and using e-cigarettes and to decrease the percentage of adults who are current smokers; now therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim and designate the date of November 21, 2024 as:

THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT DAY

and urges all Tioga County residents who currently smoke to learn about smoking cessation programs to help protect themselves and those around them. It also urges parents to educate their children about the dangers of becoming addicted to tobacco.

DATED: November 12, 2024


MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

