

**County of Tioga
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The week of April 24th-30th is designated as *World Immunization Awareness Week*; and

WHEREAS: Vaccination against preventable diseases is acknowledged as one of the most effective public health missions that saves millions of lives each year; and

WHEREAS: Routine vaccinations have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with immunization rates significantly declining in the adolescent and adult populations; and

WHEREAS: Following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children protects children from 14 potentially serious diseases before their second birthday; and

WHEREAS: The release of vaccinations for COVID-19 has reiterated the importance of educating the public on the benefits of vaccination to reduce rates of severe illness and/or death from the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS: As of March 25, 2021, approximately 20.8% of Tioga County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS: Awareness, coupled with education and outreach, on the efficacy and safety of vaccines can be utilized to improve Tioga County's routine and COVID-19 immunization rates, now therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim and designate the week of April 24th – 30th as:

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK IN TIOGA COUNTY

In Tioga County and urges residents to stay on schedule for routine immunizations and consider getting vaccinated against COVID-19 when eligible.

Dated: April 13, 2021


MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

