

**County of Tioga  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: National Water Quality Month is dedicated to protecting bodies of clean water such as lakes, rivers, groundwater, aquifers, and streams and reminds us how important these water sources are to all inhabitants of these ecosystems; and

WHEREAS: Virtually everything on our planet relies on clean water; and

WHEREAS: Clean water is essential to our health, agricultural needs, and our environment; and

WHEREAS: Even though water makes up 70% of the Earth's surface, only around 3% of the water supply is freshwater with 1% of which is easily accessible; and

WHEREAS: The major sources of freshwater pollution are from dumping industrial wastes, agricultural runoffs, leakage of untreated sewage, and chemicals from products used at home; and

WHEREAS: 99% of our drinking water in Tioga County comes from aquifers, and conserving these natural water sources is essential to keeping our community healthy to ensure safe drinking water for generations to come; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim the month of August 2021 as

**NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH**

and reminds our communities that Tioga County Public Health protects our natural water source by inspecting public and private water supplies on an annual basis, by monitoring safety plans, monitoring water for contaminates, and by inspecting for public health hazards to ensure that your water is safe to consume.

DATED: August 10, 2021

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TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

