

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Rabies is a contagious and fatal virus that is spread among dogs, cats, bats, raccoons, foxes and other mammals, including humans; and if left untreated has a 100% fatality rate for humans; and

WHEREAS: It is vital to notify Tioga County Public Health of all animal bites and wild animal exposures, including bats, due to the potential risk of rabies; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, Tioga County Public Health tested a total of 48 animals for rabies and 9 tested positive including: 1 deer, 4 foxes, 3 raccoons, and a bat. Additionally, over 40 residents received preventative rabies treatment.

WHEREAS: With animal vaccination, rabies is preventable; and

WHEREAS: New York State law requires all dogs, cats, and ferrets get their first rabies vaccination no later than four months of age and their second rabies shot within one year. Thereafter, a booster shot is required every three years; and

WHEREAS: In 2019 Tioga County Public Health vaccinated over 1,000 animals at rabies vaccination clinics throughout the county; and

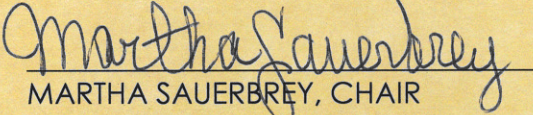
WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health will be hosting their next rabies vaccination clinic on March 26, 2020 at the Waverly Village Barn; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as

**RABIES PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH**

and urges all the citizens of Tioga County to vaccinate their pets against rabies.

Dated: March 10, 2020

  
MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

