

**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 2020, Tioga County Public Health tested a total of 43 animals for rabies and 2 tested positive including: 1 raccoon and 1 fox. Additionally, over 20 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 2020, Tioga County Public Health vaccinated over 500 animals at rabies vaccination clinics throughout the county; and

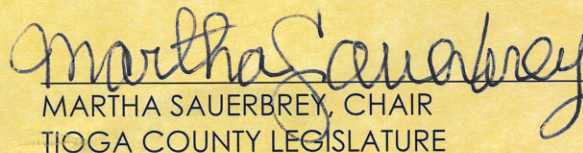
WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health will be hosting their next rabies vaccination clinic on March 14, 2021 at the Stray Haven Humane Society; therefore

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

RABIES PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH

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

Dated: March 9, 2021


MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

