

County of Tioga
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Public Health reminds you as the weather gets warmer increased outdoor activities begin taking place where ticks abound; and

WHEREAS: People spend time in environments that have tall grass, bushes, and leaf piles where ticks can be found; and

WHEREAS: The Black-legged tick, also known as a Deer tick, carries the bacteria *Borrelia Burgdorferi* that causes Lyme disease; and

WHEREAS: Lyme disease can be spread to humans and other mammals as ticks feed off their blood, with an increased risk of the bacteria being spread after feeding for 48 hours; and

WHEREAS: Lyme disease is the fourth highest reportable communicable disease seen in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Preventing Lyme disease can be done by wearing insect repellent, covering up when outdoors, showering soon after coming inside, and completing daily tick checks on yourself and your pets; and

WHEREAS: By knowing the signs of Lyme disease, treatment can be started to avoid long-term complications of Lyme disease; and

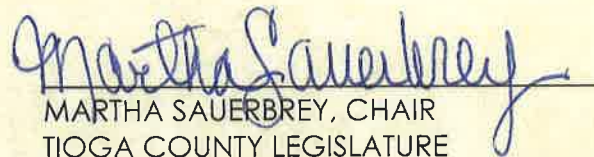
WHEREAS: The residents of Tioga County recognize the threat that Lyme disease has on them and their family; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of June as:

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

And urges all residents to take steps to protect themselves, their families, and pets from Lyme disease and to take immediate action if Lyme disease is suspected.

Dated: June 12, 2018


MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

