

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), food waste is estimated at between 30%-40% of the food supply in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Food waste has detrimental impacts on society, as the resources used to produce and transport food, such as land, water, labor, and energy go to waste; and

WHEREAS: Safe and healthful food that is currently being thrown away could be used to help feed the 10% of food insecure Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Food waste can occur at any stage in the production process. Common causes of food waste include spoilage, exposure to pests or toxins, equipment malfunction, temperature control issues, or the removal of produce that is safe to be eaten but looks undesirable or abnormal; and

WHEREAS: Consumers contribute to food waste by buying or cooking more food than necessary and choosing to throw out the leftovers; and

WHEREAS: The USDA and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have set a goal to decrease food waste by 50% by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS: We can all help to reduce food waste by planning meals and creating shopping lists, preparing perishable foods soon after shopping, being mindful of ingredients or leftovers that need to be used, and composting food that can no longer be eaten; and

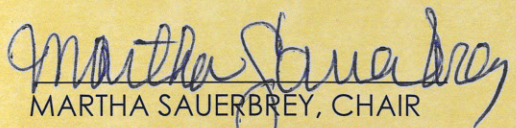
WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health in partnership with Tioga County Sustainability strive to provide education and outreach on reducing food waste to achieve a healthier and more sustainable Tioga County; now therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as:

**END FOOD WASTE MONTH**

and urges all residents to take steps to minimize the amount of food wasted in their household.

Dated: May 10, 2022

  
MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

