

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, is the unexpected death, usually during sleep, of a seemingly healthy baby less than a year old; and

WHEREAS: In the United States approximately 1,360 babies died of SIDS in 2017, making SIDS the leading cause of death among babies one month to one year of age; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County 2019-2024 Community Health Assessment identified the infant mortality rate as a topic of concern; and

WHEREAS: In 2017, Tioga County's infant mortality rate was 2.3 per 1,000 live births; and

WHEREAS: Raising awareness and educating new parents on SIDS prevention methods, such as safe sleeping conditions, laying infants on their backs, placing infants' cribs in their parents' room, and breastfeeding is of the utmost importance; and


WHEREAS: Tioga County values the lives of infants and the local services that strive to protect them; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim and designate the month of October 2020 as:

**SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY**

and urges parents to consult with local resources, such as: their child's pediatrician, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Family Planning, Parents and Children Together (PACT), Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network, Tioga County Department of Social Services, or Tioga County Public Health for more information on SIDS and how to prevent it.

Dated: October 13, 2020

  
MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

