

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Teen dating violence is a common problem faced by millions of teenagers in the United States every year. It can happen to any adolescent regardless of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 1 in 11 female and 1 in 15 male high school students report having been physically abused by an intimate partner in the last year, and 26% of women and 15% of men experience some form of dating abuse before the age of 18 and;

WHEREAS: Our local resource for intimate partner violence, A New Hope Center, served over 1,160 people in 2018 including teenagers; and

WHEREAS: The health implications of dating violence include, but are not limited to: drug use, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, and suicidal ideation; and

WHEREAS: Adolescents in abusive relationships are likely to carry unhealthy patterns of abuse into adulthood and future relationships; and


WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health encourages citizens to advocate for adolescents in unhealthy relationships and to be aware of the warning signs of teen dating abuse which include: physical violence, sexual violence, psychological aggression, and stalking; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of February 2020 as:

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
IN TIOGA COUNTY**

and urges all caregivers and advocates to speak with the children in their life about teen dating violence and the signs of an unhealthy relationship.

Dated: February 11, 2020


MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

