COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Graduation is a significant milestone in the lives of high school seniors, marking years of academic effort, personal growth, and achievement; and

WHEREAS: This season of celebration brings together students, families, educators, and communities to honor the accomplishments of our youth; and

WHEREAS: Celebrations that include alcohol or other substances can lead to dangerous and sometimes tragic outcomes, particularly for underage individuals; and

WHEREAS: Underage drinking and cannabis use is illegal and poses serious risks to the health, safety, and well-being of our youth, including impaired judgement, accidents, and potentially legal consequences; and

WHEREAS: Parents, caregivers, community organizations, and law enforcement play vital roles in encouraging safe and healthy choices among youth; and

WHEREAS: By working together to promote substance-free celebrations, we can help ensure graduation season is remembered with joy, pride, and safety; and

WHEREAS: We recognize and commend the efforts of students who choose to celebrate responsibly and of families and communities that support their success through positive guidance and supervision; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 as:

Safe Graduation Celebration Month

and urges all the citizens of our County to support and promote healthy, alcohol and substance free graduation celebrations, and to join together in preventing underage drinking and to ensure the safety of our youth during this special time.

Dated: June 10, 2025

MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE