

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS: From 2020 – 2022, Tioga County had a higher stroke mortality rate than the New York State average, with a rate of 31.6 per 100,000 population; and

WHEREAS: High blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes are leading causes of stroke and one in three Americans has at least one of these conditions or habits; and

WHEREAS: Warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

WHEREAS: Ninety-three percent of Americans recognized that sudden numbness on one side is a symptom of stroke, but only 38% were aware of all major symptoms and knew to call 9-1-1 when someone was having a stroke; and

WHEREAS: Patients who arrive at the emergency room within 3 hours of their first symptoms often have less disability 3 months after a stroke than those who received delayed care; and

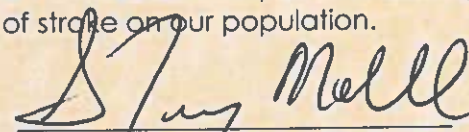
WHEREAS: New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but much more research is needed, therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as:

AMERICAN STROKE MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY

and urges all the citizens of our County to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and on the first signs of a stroke dial 9-1-1 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population.

Dated: May 12, 2026



TRACY MONELL, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

