

## STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law, Article 2-B, and the Home Rule authority of the County of Tioga, a local State of Emergency is hereby declared in Tioga County, New York effective **6:30 AM on November 8, 2023**, and whereas it has been deemed necessary to extend the State of Emergency another thirty days, due to the conditions listed below, effective:

**December 8, 2023 – January 7, 2024**

This State of Emergency is declared in response to the efforts put forth by the City of New York to encourage and cause homeless, unhoused, needy, migratory, and/or transient members within their City to relocate upstate including to the County of Tioga. The County of Tioga is struggling with its own homeless population and with efforts to find space to house its own vulnerable residents with finite services, limited social services funding, a low inventory of affordable housing and a lack of emergency and temporary housing or shelters. While Tioga County continues to be a welcoming community, the act of moving such needy populations to Tioga County poses a grave risk to the social, public health, public welfare and emergency services of the County such that public safety and health is imperiled thereby.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until rescinded by a subsequent order. As the Chief Executive of Tioga County, New York, I, Martha Sauerbrey, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Municipality.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of Tioga County, New York to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

  
Martha Sauerbrey, Legislative Chair of Tioga County

12-7-23  
Date

