

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Dental caries (tooth decay) are the most prevalent chronic disease of childhood in the United States affecting over half of children by age eight despite being largely preventable; and

WHEREAS: Untreated dental decay causes pain, infections, and other complications that lead to more missed school days, lower academic performance, poor nutrition, and decreased self-esteem; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga Smiles Mobile Dental Unit provides dental care to Tioga County by operating as a school-based dental clinic providing services to over 980 Tioga County students in 2025 and completing over 750 cleanings; and

WHEREAS: Regular visits to the dentist are crucial for good oral health, but it is equally important that parents and caregivers teach children proper oral hygiene habits such as toothbrushing, flossing, and consuming a healthy diet; therefore

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

**Children's Dental Health Month**

and urges all the citizens of Tioga County to prioritize their oral health year-round.

Dated: February 10, 2026



  
S. TRACY MONELL, CHAIR  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE