PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *it is estimated that 24% of Chemung County residents are 60 years of age or older, the fastest-growing segment of our population; and that falls are the leading cause of fatal and nonfatal injury among older adults; and,*

WHEREAS, *Chemung County is committed to increasing awareness about this largely preventable community health problem through practical lifestyle adjustments, evidence-based fall prevention programs, and community partnerships; and,*

WHEREAS, *Chemung County recognizes the efforts of community organizations from across the county that work to increase awareness of this issue, promote multidisciplinary strategies to prevent falls, and encourage Chemung County citizens to take steps to protect those who are at increased risk of falling; and,*

WHEREAS, *our community can provide opportunities and strategies that enrich the lives of individuals by promoting healthy aging, wellness, and independence; and,*

WHEREAS, *raising awareness of falls prevention efforts and strategies is in the best interest of older adults and others at risk of falling, their families, friends, and caregivers.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Santulli, Chemung County Executive, do hereby proclaim this 3rd week in September 2016 to be:

"FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK" in Chemung County

And urge every resident to take time this week to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

In Witness Whereof I Have Hereunto Set My Hand and Seal this 21st Day of September, 2016.

Thomas J. Santulli
Chemung County Executive