PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *one of the most highly effective preventive measures a mother can take to protect the health of her infant is to breastfeed; and,*

WHEREAS, *breast milk is widely acknowledged to be the most complete form of nutrition recommended as the optimal nutrition for infants by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the United States Surgeon General, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologist and the New York State Health Department; and,*

WHEREAS, *in September 2015, the world's leaders committed to 17 Sustainable Development Goals aimed at ending poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring prosperity; and,*

WHEREAS, *August 1-7, 2016 is nationally recognized as World Breastfeeding Week and the theme for 2016 is "Breastfeeding: A Key to Sustainable Development" recognizing how breastfeeding is a key element in getting us to think about how to value our wellbeing from the start of life, how to respect each other and care for the world we share; and,*

WHEREAS, *the Twin Tiers Breastfeeding Network provides support, encouragement, and referrals to improve the rates of initiation and duration of breastfeeding among women in the Twin Tiers.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Santulli, Chemung County Executive, do hereby proclaim August 1 -7, 2016 to be:

"WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK in Chemung County"

In Witness Whereof I Have Hereunto Set My Hand and Seal this 1st Day of August, 2016.

Thomas J. Santulli
Chemung County Executive