

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** New York State (NYS) remains at the epicenter of the HIV epidemic in the country, ranking first in the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS; and,

**WHEREAS,** HIV/AIDS continues to affect every community including Chemung County, and the prevention of HIV infection remains the only cure for AIDS; HIV infection is on the rise among young people and disproportionately affects people of color, and the number of older New Yorkers living with HIV is also increasing; and,

**WHEREAS,** many have dedicated themselves to the cause of ending HIV/AIDS and to show compassion for, and lend support to, those affected by HIV/AIDS; all residents are encouraged to increase communication, education, and awareness of HIV/AIDS to help stop further spread of this disease and end the epidemic in New York State by 2020; and,

**WHEREAS,** December 1, 2016 is nationally recognized as World AIDS Day providing an opportunity to remember those who have died from AIDS and those who courageously continue to battle this disease; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Chemung County AIDS Task Force provides support, encouragement, and education to promote testing and early treatment to augment efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Santulli, Chemung County Executive, do hereby proclaim**  
December 1, 2016 to be:

**“WORLD AIDS DAY” in Chemung County.**

In Witness Whereof I Have Hereunto Set My Hand and Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of December, 2016.

  
Thomas J. Santulli  
Chemung County Executive

