PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Chemung County includes a community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions to our nation; and,*

WHEREAS, *Chemung County recognizes that older adults are trailblazers—advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and,*

WHEREAS, *Chemung County is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and,*

WHEREAS, *May is nationally recognized as Older American's Month and the theme for 2016 is "Blaze a Trail" and we appreciate the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and,*

WHEREAS, *our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals young and old by:*

- *Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion;*
- *Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living;*
- *Ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.*

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

"OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH" in Chemung County

and urge every resident to take time this month 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 2nd Day of May, 2016.

Thomas J. Santulli
Chemung County Executive