



## LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AGENDA THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

### MINUTES

- Approval of May 9, 2024 minutes

### FINANCIAL

- Year to Date Budget Report
- County Auditor Accounts Payable Update

### OLD BUSINESS

- Legislator Service Plaque Wall Display
- May 2024 Meetings

### NEW BUSINESS

- Public Hearing: NYS CDBG Public Facilities Grant Application – 6/20/24
- DATE CHANGE: July Legislative Committee Meetings – 7/2 & 7/3
- SAVE THE DATE: 2024 NYSAC Fall Conference – 9/11 – 9/13
- June 2024 Legislative Meeting

### PERSONNEL

- None

### RESOLUTIONS

- F09 – Resolution Calling on Members of the NYS Senate and Assembly to Reform the State's Competency Restoration Process and Support the Passage of S.1874 (Brouk)/A.5063 (Gunther) in the 2024 Legislative Session.
- F12 – Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution
- F13 – Recognition Resolution Recognizing Peter L. Ward Posthumously
- F14 – Advocating Against OSHA Reforms in New York State for Firefighters

### PROCLAMATIONS

- None

### ADJOURNMENT



## Legislative Support Minutes

May 9, 2024

1:00 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

**Legislators:** Legislators Ciotoli, Brown, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Roberts being absent.

**Staff:** Legislative Clerk Haskell, Deputy Legislative Clerk Eiklor, County Attorney DeWind, and Sheriff Howard.

**Guests:** None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislator Monell made the motion, seconded by Legislator Brown to approve the April 4, 2024 Legislative Support minutes, as written. Motion carried.

### FINANCIAL

**2024 YTD Budget Report:** The 2024 Legislative Office YTD Budget Report is included in today's committee agenda packet and was mailed to all Legislators and posted on the County website prior to this meeting. Ms. Haskell reported 37% utilization, noting nothing significant to report.

**County Auditor Accounts Payable Report:** Legislative Clerk Haskell reported the following accounts payable report for the month of April 2024 and noted this report is included in today's committee agenda packet.

Month	AP Invoices	AP Total	P-Card Transactions	P-Card Total
April	685	\$1,801,688.81	181	\$46,193.61

### OLD BUSINESS

#### April 2024 Meetings:

Minutes were taken, typed, copied, indexed, and recorded for the Legislature and Journal of Proceedings for the following Legislature meetings in April 2024:

- Fourth Regular Legislature Meeting – April 9, 2024
- Public Hearing: Restore NY Communities Initiative Round 8 Application – April 18, 2024

The Legislative Clerk attended the following meetings/events in April 2024:

- Legislative Standing Committees – April 2 and 4, 2024
- Legislative Worksessions – April 4 and 18, 2024
- Finance, Legal & Safety Committee – April 9, 2024
- Fourth Regular Legislature Meeting – April 9, 2024
- Public Hearing: Restore NY Communities Initiative Round 8 Application – April 18, 2024
- NYSAC State Budget Briefing Zoom Meeting – April 23, 2024

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**Local Law No 1 of 2024 – Authorizing Twelve- and Thirteen-Year-Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with a Licensed Hunter:** Ms. Haskell received notification from the State on May 2, 2024 that the local law was recorded on April 16, 2024.

**Memorial Donation for Legislator Dale N. Weston:** Ms. Haskell reported \$100.00 was deducted from the Legislator Fund and a money order was mailed to Nichols Pond Project in memory of Dale Weston on April 22, 2024. The Legislative Office received a thank you/acknowledgement letter on April 30, 2024.

**Legislator Service Plaque Wall Display:** Ms. Haskell reported she spoke with the vendor and obtained a sketch of what the bronze wall display outside the Hubbard Auditorium would look like without the wording. She presented the sketch to the Legislature and stated with just a logo and without the wording, there would be more space for Legislator name plates. However, the vendor indicated there would not be a significant change in price if the wording was excluded. Ms. Haskell reported the original wall display was purchased in 1989 for \$1,701.00. On a straw poll vote, all Legislators in attendance were in favor of purchasing a wall display that is consistent with the current one at the vendor's quoted price. Ms. Haskell reported a resolution is included in the agenda packet for Legislature consideration at the May 14, 2024 Legislature meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Legislator Letterhead and Agendas:** Ms. Haskell reported she requested the ITCS Department to update the Legislature letterhead to remove Legislator Weston's name for District #6 and change to VACANT following the May 14, 2024 Legislature meeting. The letterhead will be updated again when a new Legislator is elected this fall. This is the same practice we followed in the past. Ms. Haskell reported she will revise the meeting agendas with the removal of Legislator Weston's name following the May 14, 2024 Legislature meeting.

## May 2024 Legislative Meeting:

- **Prayer, Pledge, Voting:** Legislator Flesher will lead us in the prayer, pledge and voting process for the May 14, 2024 Legislature meeting.
- **Recognition Resolutions:** We have two recognition resolutions for the May Legislative meeting:
  - ✓ **Recognition Resolution Recognizing Legislator Dale N. Weston Posthumously**  
Legislator Standinger will read and present to Legislator Weston's wife, Joan, and son, Brent, at the May 14, 2024 Legislature meeting.
  - ✓ **Recognition Resolution Recognizing Former Legislator Todd E. Smith Posthumously**  
Resolution will be noted in the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Legislature meeting and will be mailed to Mrs. Joan Smith following the Legislature meeting.

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- **Proclamations:** We have three (3) proclamations for the May 14, 2024 Legislature meeting:
  - **American Stroke Month in Tioga County** - Legislator Standinger will read and present to Public Health Educator Katie Wait.
  - **Foster Care Recognition Month** – This proclamation has been read and presented in previous years, therefore, will be noted for the minutes.
  - **Mental Health Awareness Month & Children’s Mental Health Week (May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>)** – This proclamation has been read and presented in previous years, therefore, will be noted for the minutes.
- **Resolutions:** All resolutions presented by the Departments at their respective Legislative Standing Committees were reviewed for Legislature consideration at the May 14, 2024 Legislature meeting.
- **Late-File Resolutions:** Ms. Haskell reported she is unaware of any late-file resolutions at this time.

## PERSONNEL

- Legislative Clerk Vacation: 5/17 – 5/24: Ms. Haskell noted she will be periodically checking email during this time.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **E02** – Recognition Resolution Recognizing Legislator Dale N. Weston Posthumously
- **E03** – Recognition Resolution Recognizing Former Legislator Todd E. Smith Posthumously
- **E05** – Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution
- **E21** – Appoint County Administrator
- **E32** – Resolution Opposing Senate Bill S4545/Assembly Bill A3069 Attempting to Consolidate the 109 Industrial Development Agencies into 10 Regional Industrial Development Agencies

## OTHER

None

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Haskell*

Legislative Clerk



# TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

## Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 06

ACCOUNTS FOR: A	General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
<b>A1010 Legislative Board</b>								
A1010	510010 Full Time	283,946	0	283,946	110,715.54	.00	173,230.46	39.0%
A1010	510050 All other(On Call,	9,894	0	9,894	5,695.99	.00	4,197.66	57.6%
A1010	540010 Advertising	350	1,000	1,350	986.74	.00	363.26	73.1%
A1010	540140 Contracting Servic	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A1010	540180 Dues	100	0	100	100.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A1010	540320 Leased/Service Equ	2,600	0	2,600	505.46	193.04	1,901.50	26.9%
A1010	540340 Literature	545	0	545	306.03	.00	238.97	56.2%
A1010	540390 Mileage Expense	3,650	-1,000	2,650	840.31	.00	1,809.69	31.7%
A1010	540420 Office Supplies	700	0	700	63.82	.00	636.18	9.1%
A1010	540480 Postage	215	0	215	43.20	.00	171.80	20.1%
A1010	540485 Printing/Paper	150	0	150	.00	.00	150.00	.0%
A1010	540520 Recording/Microfil	450	0	450	404.00	.00	46.00	89.8%
A1010	540640 Supplies (Not Offi	400	0	400	278.00	.00	122.00	69.5%
A1010	540660 Telephone	955	0	955	173.97	.00	781.03	18.2%
A1010	540732 Training/County Re	3,950	0	3,950	1,918.84	.00	2,031.16	48.6%
A1010	540733 Training/All Other	0	1,000	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A1010	581088 State Retirement F	52,514	-26,985	25,529	14,588.56	.00	10,940.51	57.1%
A1010	583088 Social Security Fr	0	16,672	16,672	8,639.96	.00	8,032.09	51.8%
A1010	584088 Workers Compensati	22,853	-10,626	12,227	5,400.69	.00	6,826.45	44.2%
A1010	585588 Disability Insuran	204	-85	119	57.42	.00	61.37	48.3%
A1010	586088 Health Insurance F	37,696	94,487	132,183	75,830.40	.00	56,352.39	57.4%
A1010	588988 Eap Fringe	76	77	153	71.61	.00	81.71	46.7%
TOTAL Legislative Board		421,348	74,540	495,888	226,620.54	193.04	269,074.23	45.7%
TOTAL General Fund		421,348	74,540	495,888	226,620.54	193.04	269,074.23	45.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES		421,348	74,540	495,888	226,620.54	193.04	269,074.23	



**Tioga County**  
**YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT**

FOR 2024 06

ACCOUNTS FOR: H	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
Capital Fund							
<b>H1010 Capital Legislative</b>							
H1010 520210 Other Furniture	0	8,000	8,000	.00	.00	8,000.00	.0%
TOTAL Capital Legislative	0	8,000	8,000	.00	.00	8,000.00	.0%
TOTAL Capital Fund	0	8,000	8,000	.00	.00	8,000.00	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	8,000	8,000	.00	.00	8,000.00	

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## COUNTY AUDITOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE UPDATE – MAY 2024

<b>MONTH/ QUARTER</b>	<b>AP INVOICES</b>	<b>AP INVOICE TOTALS</b>	<b>P-CARD TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>P-CARD TOTAL</b>
May	764	1,490,697.33	169	\$28,086.22

REFERRED TO:

LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. -24

RESOLUTION CALLING ON MEMBERS OF THE  
NEW YORK STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO  
REFORM THE STATE'S COMPETENCY  
RESTORATION PROCESS AND SUPPORT THE  
PASSAGE OF S.1874 (BROUK)/A.5063 (GUNTHER)  
IN THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS: Section §730 of the Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) provides that defendants charged with felonies who are mentally ill and/or developmentally disabled and who are determined by a court to be unable to understand the charges against them or participate in their own defense (often called "730's") are sent to New York State-operated forensic hospitals solely for the purpose of trying to restore them to competency so they can stand trial; and

WHEREAS: The origin of CPL §730 dates back over five decades to the laws of 1970, and parts of it have been declared to be unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS: Competency restoration provides necessary medications but primarily provides services such as courtroom training to familiarize the defendant with courtroom procedures so they can participate in their trial; and

WHEREAS: Many judges incorrectly believe that by ordering a 730 commitment, they are helping the mentally ill or developmentally disabled person to get treatment; and

WHEREAS: In the cases for which restoration is appropriate, most defendants can generally be restored within 90-150 days; and

WHEREAS: Unfortunately, there are numerous situations where defendants have been kept in restoration for periods of three, six, or even 10 years; and

WHEREAS: These lengthy confinements have been declared to be unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court as shown in the case of Jackson v. Indiana (1972), which provides that states may not indefinitely confine criminal defendants solely on the basis of incompetence to stand trial; and

WHEREAS: The Office of Mental Health (OMH) has diverged from agreements with the county mental health commissioners/directors of community services to provide specific and timely information on the clients/defendants ordered to restoration; and



WHEREAS: The SFY 2020-2021 budget required counties to pay 100 percent of the OMH State Operations costs for individuals receiving court-ordered mental health competency restoration services at State-operated Forensic Psychiatric Centers; and

WHEREAS: As the full payors of these services, the commissioners must have timely access to any pertinent client information as deemed necessary to effectively manage their responsibilities under the Mental Hygiene Law; and

WHEREAS: The county cost of these services is over \$1,300 per day and current statute does not require a timeline be established for when a defendant is unable to be restored; and

WHEREAS: The county cost of restoration for one defendant can be upwards of \$400,000 per year; and

WHEREAS: In New York State, counties, through the county tax levy, already bear an overwhelming portion of the financial burden for supporting individuals suffering from serious mental illness, and the requirement to assume 100% of 730.20 competency restoration costs has taken away millions of dollars from critical behavioral health programming in the community; and

WHEREAS: Given the advances in the behavioral health and the modernization of the criminal justice system, it is time for the State to reform the statutory authority governing competency restoration to ensure that only individuals who are appropriate subjects of the 730 court orders are sent for restoration in accordance with the current state of these two systems; and

WHEREAS: The NYS Legislature has introduced S.1874 (Brouk)/A.5063 (Gunther), which seeks to address the reforms necessary to update the archaic requirements of current statute, many which have been deemed unconstitutional and includes a critical requirement to reinvest any savings derived by the counties back into the local mental hygiene systems of care; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That CPL §730.10 shall be modified to make clear that restoration is not mental health treatment, so the judiciary is better informed that a 730 order does not treat underlying mental health conditions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CPL §730.20 shall be reformed to establish specific criteria for 730 examiners, streamlining the process to establish equity across the system, and that the psychiatrist or psychologist conducting the psychiatric exam tell the court whether or not there is a reasonable chance of restoration, thereby

granting the court an opportunity to allow diversion to mental health treatment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That OMH will consistently follow their agreements with the county mental health commissioners/directors of community services to provide specific and timely information on the clients/defendants ordered to restoration; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CPL §730.20 shall adjust the fee for reimbursing psychiatric examiners; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CPL §730.50 shall limit the time defendants are ordered for restoration services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MHL §9.33 shall allow individuals to be transferred to Article 9 facilities if it is determined that a defendant is unable to be restored; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MHL §43.03 shall require Local Government Units (counties) to reinvest savings from these reforms into community mental health services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature calls on the State to support all provisions outlined in S.1874 (Brouk)/A.5063 (Gunther); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend, Senator Samara Brouk, Chair of Committee on Mental Health, Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther, New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and all others deemed necessary and proper.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -24 STANDARD WORK DAY AND  
REPORTING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The New York State Retirement System created new reporting regulations in 2009 that require establishment of terms and work hours for elected and appointed officials and a resolution stating such at the onset of each term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials, and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by the following officials to the Clerk of this body;

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)	Pay Frequency	Not Submitted
<b>Appointed Officials</b>						
Coroner	Ryan Kline	6	1/1/2024-12/31/2027		Biweekly	<b>X</b>

I, Cathy Haskell, Secretary/Clerk of the governing board of the County of Tioga, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the XX<sup>th</sup> day of XXXX, 2024 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Tioga County Legislature on this XX<sup>th</sup> day of XXXX 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tioga County Legislative Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: I, Cathy Haskell, being duly sworn, depose and say that the posting of the resolution began on XXXX XX, 2024 and continued for at least 30 days. That the resolution was available to the public on the

- o Employer's website at [www.tiogacountyny.gov](http://www.tiogacountyny.gov)
- o Official sign board at Tioga County Legislative Office.
- o Main Entrance Clerk's Office at 56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. -24 RECOGNITION RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
PETER L. WARD POSTHUMOUSLY

WHEREAS: Peter L. Ward passed away on May 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature would like to posthumously recognize Peter L. Ward for his years of dedicated service as a Tioga County Legislator; and

WHEREAS: Peter L. Ward was elected to the position of Tioga County Legislator District #7 on January 1, 1996 and was successfully re-elected up until he left office on December 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure as a Tioga County Legislator, Peter served as the Chair of the Legislature from January 1, 2000 – December 31, 2002 and as Deputy Chair of the Legislature from January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS: Peter was recognized by his fellow Legislators at the December 14, 2004 Twelfth Regular Legislature Meeting by way of Resolution No. 316-04 for his nine years of steadfast dedicated service and leadership as a Tioga County Legislator; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of his Legislative career, Peter served with fourteen different Legislators and was Chair of the of the Mental Hygiene, Community Health, Health & Human Services, Personnel, Public Safety & Probation, and Economic Development & Planning, and served on the Legislative Standing Committees of Social Services, Public Works, Agriculture, and County Clerk; and

WHEREAS: Peter served on the Board of Health from January 1, 1998 – January 9, 2000, Community Services Board from January 1, 1999 - March 31, 2007, Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District from January 2, 2002 – December 31, 2004, Tioga County Industrial Development Agency from April 13, 2004 – January 11, 2005, and the Tioga County Local Development Corporation from April 13, 2004 – October 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS: Peter L. Ward was extremely dedicated and loyal in the performance of his duties and responsibilities as a Tioga County Legislator; and

WHEREAS: In addition to his time served as a Tioga County Legislator, Peter served as the Candor Town Supervisor from 1987-1993 and was a founding member of the Candor Chamber of Commerce with his wife, Gloria; and

WHEREAS: Peter also worked as Tioga County's Part-Time Director of Weights & Measures from January 3, 2005 through December 31, 2011 and returning on a

temporary basis from January 11, 2012 – April 11, 2012 until a new director was appointed; and

WHEREAS: Peter L. Ward is survived by his wife of 73 years, Gloria Roberts Ward, their four children/spouses: Bradley and June Ward, Bryan and Nancy Ward, Christine and Jamie VanOstrand, Paula and Eric Coln, and 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, express sincere gratitude and recognize Peter L. Ward posthumously for his years of dedicated service to Tioga County as a Tioga County Legislator; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to the family of Peter L. Ward.

REFERRED TO:

LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. -24

ADVOCATING AGAINST OSHA REFORMS IN  
NEW YORK STATE FOR FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS: Tioga County, nestled in the heart of the Southern Tier of New York State, is a rural county with a population of 47,772 individuals spread across 523 square miles, relying heavily on the essential services provided by its fifteen (15) volunteer fire departments; and

WHEREAS: These fifteen (15) fire departments, comprised of entirely volunteer organizations, serve as the lifeblood of our community, dutifully responding to hundreds of emergency calls each year, embodying the spirit of selflessness and dedication that defines Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The personnel of these departments, comprised of all volunteers, form the backbone of our emergency response apparatus, tirelessly working to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of our residents, often at great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County acknowledges, with gratitude, the commendable efforts of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in initiating measures aimed at enhancing the safety and welfare of our invaluable emergency responders; and

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding the strides made in bolstering emergency responder safety, Tioga County harbors legitimate concerns regarding the future accessibility, affordability, and efficacy of emergency services within our jurisdiction; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, mindful of its responsibility to safeguard the interests and welfare of its constituents, hereby expresses its reservations and respectfully requests that OSHA, in conjunction with our esteemed state and national officials, give due consideration to the following points of contention and areas of improvement pertaining to the current proposed OSHA 1910.156 document:

1. Extending the public comment period beyond the prescribed deadline of June 21, 2024 by a minimum of 45 days, thereby affording our officials adequate time to meticulously review the voluminous 608-page document and formulate comprehensive, fact-based comments reflective of our community's unique needs and circumstances.

2. Facilitating the organization and conduct of in-person public comment sessions to provide a platform for stakeholders to voice their concerns, insights, and recommendations in a transparent and inclusive manner.
3. Ensuring equitable and substantive representation of volunteer firefighters in the proposal process, proportionate to their significant contribution to emergency services nationwide, thereby fostering a balanced and representative discourse that accounts for the diverse perspectives and interests at play.
4. Simplifying and expediting the incorporation of referenced standards (22 in total) into the proposed standard to enhance clarity, accessibility, and comprehension, thereby facilitating widespread dissemination and implementation across our diverse emergency response landscape.
5. Re-evaluating the intended audience and scope of the standard to accommodate the varying regulatory frameworks and classifications of volunteer firefighters across different states, ensuring equitable treatment and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
6. Transforming the proposed standard into a dynamic, adaptive "living document" capable of evolving in tandem with emerging national needs, technological advancements, and best practices, thereby obviating the need for periodic overhauls and updates to address obsolescence and inefficiency.
7. Identifying and prioritizing additional safety measures and protocols that can be expeditiously implemented with minimal resource expenditure and manpower requirements, thereby augmenting the resilience and effectiveness of our emergency response infrastructure.
8. Collaborating closely with stakeholders to develop a standardized framework that strikes a judicious balance between economic feasibility and technical efficacy, thereby ensuring the sustainability and viability of our emergency response initiatives in the long run.
9. Instituting a formal, structured negotiation process characterized by transparency, accountability, and active engagement, thereby fostering a culture of collaboration, consensus-building, and mutual respect among all parties involved.

10. Embracing these recommendations and initiatives in a concerted effort to uphold the safety, well-being, and resilience of our dedicated emergency responders, while concurrently safeguarding the interests and resources of our taxpaying constituents.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That in adopting this resolution, the Tioga County Legislature reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the principles of safety, equity, and inclusivity, and pledges to work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders to address the pressing concerns and challenges confronting our emergency response infrastructure in the pursuit of a safer, more resilient, and prosperous future for all; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to OSHA, the Governor of New York State, the New York State Legislature, the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health, and other relevant stakeholders to express the opposition of the Tioga County Legislature to any OSHA reforms that do not adequately consider the concerns outlined herein.