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### **Livingston County One of 20 Finalists in the 2019 All-America City Awards**

Geneseo, NY —The National Civic League announced Tuesday, March 26 the finalists for the 2019 All America City Award (AAC). Livingston County is proud to be among these communities and the only one representing New York State. The National Civic League stated, "These finalists represent the diversity of American communities from the largest cities to the smallest towns, from east to west and north to south. They share a common bond of working to create healthy communities through inclusive engagement."

This award, given to 10 communities each year, celebrates and recognizes neighborhoods, villages, towns, cities, counties, tribes and regions that engage residents in innovative, inclusive and effective efforts to tackle critical challenges. Finalists this year include El Paso and Houston among other municipalities. The National Civic League's President, Doug Linkhart explains, "These finalist communities are building healthy communities through collaboration with residents, businesses and other stakeholders. While many people are concerned about the ability of our nation to improve lives, these communities are showing that great things can happen at the local level."

Livingston County will assemble a team of residents, nonprofit leaders, business representatives, and government officials to participate in presentations and workshops for three days in Denver, Colorado this June. The group will give a presentation to a panel of judges that will demonstrate the positive effects of using equitable engagement strategies to address issues such as promoting mental health, addressing obesity and building stronger neighborhoods.

"With past county awardees including Lane County, Oregon and Sarasota County, Florida, the All America City competition is steeped in tradition and represents a critical status designation for counties to achieve," County Administrator Ian M. Coyle said in a statement. "Livingston County relishes the opportunity to take LivCo on the road and present to the panel the great quality of life and commitment to best-in-class public services that our government has to offer. We are indeed honored to be recognized as a finalist."

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