



**City of Cortland
Cortland, New York**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, decades ago, a small group of parents, working against enormous odds fighting for the dignity of their children, created the Arc of Cortland County. They left a legacy that has changed the course of history for people with developmental disabilities and their families throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, today Madison Cortland ARC has become a symbol for what parents, family members and people with disabilities can do for themselves through dedication and perseverance. Due to the tireless efforts of Madison Cortland ARC more than 1,000 people they serve are living lives filled with opportunity, dignity and hope; and

WHEREAS, this year the Madison Cortland ARC will build upon its past successes to increase the public awareness and understanding of people with developmental disabilities. As a result, children and adults, in the City of Cortland, may realize a future that will bring them the equality and fulfillment, which is the dream of every citizen of this city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan D. Feiszli, Mayor of the City of Cortland, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2010 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

celebrating the achievements and contributions of people with developmental disabilities in the City of Cortland to observe this

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of

Cortland, New York this 18th day of March, 2010.

Susan D. Feiszli
Mayor of Cortland, New York